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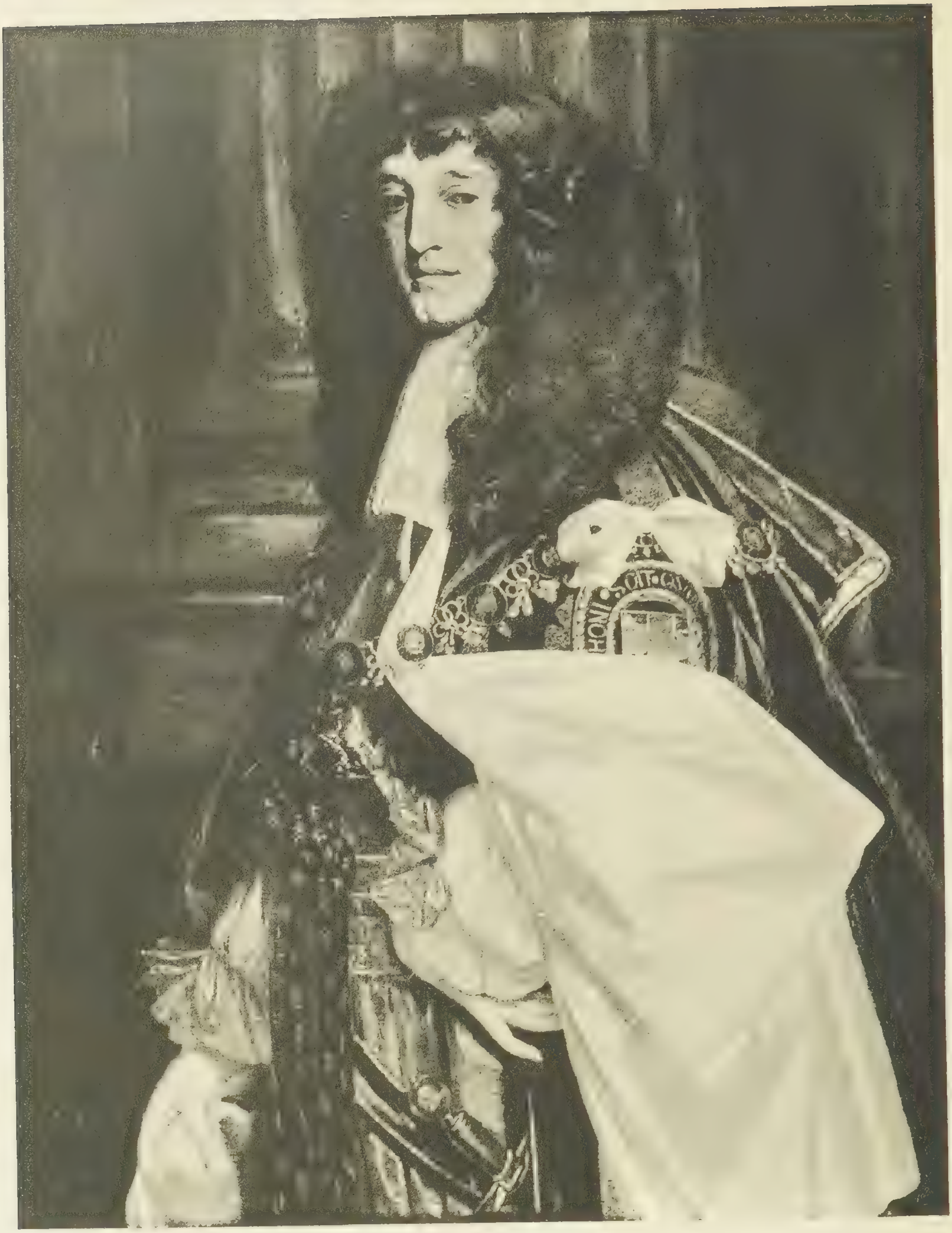

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# PREFACE

Although the Company's archives have been moved back from the Governor's house in the country to London during the course of the year, the problems of publication, production and printing have proved as great in the first year of peace as they were during war-time. Access to the Public Records and to the British Museum is still limited, but the Royal Society has brought its documents back from their place of safety and has kindly permitted us to consult them and to publish Governor Nixon's Report as an appendix to this volume.

Nixon's Report is a particularly valuable addition to the Minutes which, naturally, are almost exclusively concerned with the " London end " of the Company's affairs and throw little light on conditions in the Bay. Our grateful thanks are due to the Royal Society.

For the gap between the first Minutes Book (1671-74, *H.B.S.*, Vol. V) and this, the second Minutes Book (1679-84), the Grand Ledgers and Grand Journal alone provide serious continuity. But ledgers and journals in themselves are not ideal for publication; they have therefore been used extensively for notes and appendixes, and for the introduction, whilst the Minutes Book has been published. The text has been taken from the " Greate booke ", A.1/2, and has been collated with the series of smaller books which cover the same period. These smaller books were well kept and were probably the " working-copy " of the Minutes whereas the " Greate booke " was the " fair copy ". The series of smaller books runs:

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A.1/81, August 7, 1683, to June 28, 1684

Where discrepancies occur between the smaller books and the " Greate booke ", they have been mentioned in the notes.

The period covered has proved too long to contain in a single volume; but the end of May, 1682, is a very suitable point at which to make a pause. The Committee has then just despatched the ships of the year from Gravesend; and in the second half of the book lie the problems of interlopers and of rivalry with the French. The second half of the " Greate Booke " will be published in the Hudson's Bay Company Series Volume IX.

The same practice has been followed for dates as was observed in the publication of the first Minutes Book; the Old Style has been kept in the text, but the date according to the New Style has been inserted in the margin.

Since the middle of 1940 the Series has had no assistant editor, but the duties of that office have been more than adequately fulfilled by Miss A. M. Johnson, of the Company's Archives Department; she has borne the main burden of transcribing, answering enquiries, and preparing the book for the press.

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# INTRODUCTION[1]

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The minutes printed in this volume come from the second oldest [2] in the Hudson's Bay Company's series; but they are unfortunately separated from those in the oldest volume [3] by a gap of five years and four months. We can, with the help of the few external sources of information, make out from the Company's account books, some of the relevant portions of which are printed in Appendix B [4], the general course of its affairs during this interval; but we must leave many questions unanswered.

In June, 1674, it will be remembered, the frigate *Prince Rupert* and the *Shaftesbury* pink set out on what was afterwards reckoned as the Company's fourth voyage. They took out the new Governor, William Lydall. He and both the ships wintered in the Bay. During the winter the warrant passed for the grant of a charter to the Company for the imaginary Busse Island.[5] The charter itself was obtained in the following summer.[6] In September the ships returned. The beaver and moose skins brought on this voyage were sold for £4,715.[7] Besides their cargo the ships brought several passengers. Lydall was with them; having found that affairs at the Bay did not please him, he had left Governor Bayly in charge again.

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[1] This Introduction has been most thoroughly revised by Miss A. M. Johnson who knows the Hudson's Bay Company's records as no one else does. The writer wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness and to express his very sincere thanks.

[2] [Hudson's Bay Company Archives], A.1/2. Subsequent classification numbers refer to the Hudson's Bay Company Archives.

[3] H[udson's] B[ay] C[ompany] S[eries], Vol. V, E. E. Rich (ed.), *Minutes of the Hudson's Bay Company 1671–1674* (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1942, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1942).

[4] See pp. 305-27.

[5] *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, 1673-75*, p. 456, December 10, 1674. See also several entries in the *Calendar of Treasury Books*, Vol. IV.

[6] *H.B.S.*, V, 63, n. 1; 151-3.

[7] A.14/2, fos. 69d.-70.

The two Frenchmen, des Groseilliers and Radisson, also came; in fact only four men were left behind to look after the establishments. There was a notable prisoner, " a little old man ", the Jesuit Father Albanel, who had travelled for the second time overland to the Bay from Tadoussac. Lastly, there was an Indian " Prince Attash ", who came in the *Prince Rupert*, another, aboard the *Shaftesbury*, having died at sea.[1] We do not know who Prince Attash was. He must have been an Indian chief, most likely from the " Bottom of the Bay "; but it is useless to try to identify him.[2] All that we know of his person is that he was " a very lusty man ". No doubt he was brought over, as other Indian chiefs were brought before and after his time, in order that, being suitably impressed, he might become a useful intermediary with his people. He stayed in England until the next outward voyage. His expenses were at the rate of £2 a week, with attendance and extras, such as clothes, and Sir John Kirke seems to have looked after him for most of the time, [3] so he was probably provided for well enough; but we can only guess what he thought of London, or how he struck those enquiring members of the Company who were also fellows of the Royal Society, or what became of him afterwards.

In 1676 Captain Thomas Shepard, as successor to an unsatisfactory Captain James Golding who had to be dismissed before sailing,[4] took the *Prince Rupert* to search for Busse Island. There is no evidence that he went on to Hudson Bay after his failure to find it, and letters arrived on October 16 announcing his return.[5] He had to appear before the Lords of the Admiralty because, in ignorance, he had illegally flown the King's jack.[6] So had Captain Joseph Thompson of the

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[1] The well-known documents giving these facts are summarised in *Cal. S. P., Dom., 1675-76*, pp. 313, 316.

[2] As is done, for instance, by A. S. Morton, *A History of the Canadian West to 1870-71* (London, 1939), p. 67.

[3] See Appendix B, p. 310.

[4] A.14/2, fo. 74.

[5] A.14/3, fo. 63d.; A. 15/1, fos. 2d.-3.

[6] J. R. Tanner, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Naval Manuscripts in the Pepysian Library at Magdalene College, Cambridge* (London, The Navy Records Society, 1909, 1923), Vol. III, pp. 311, 312, 330; Vol. IV, pp. cxi, 380.

*Shaftesbury*, who in the meantime had completed a voyage out and home to the Bay, and brought back furs, beaver and moose, which were sold in January, 1677, for £1,972. For this creditable performance he was awarded a medal and chain, costing £23 10*s*. 0*d*.[1]

Next year only the *Shaftesbury* sailed; she was back again in November, and the sale of her cargo on December 18 yielded £4,831.[2] This time there were two homeward passengers about whom we know disappointingly little, Thomas Leclerc and Eustace Prevost. They paid for their passages, and also for the freight of some moose and beaver skins, which the Company sold on their behalf for £355, not a contemptible sum.[3] We do not know how they reached the shores of the Bay; but they must have traded there, and it is remarkable that the Company treated them as friends and not, like Father Albanel, as dangerous interlopers. Perhaps they were considered as possible substitutes for des Groseilliers and Radisson, who had now disappeared from the Company's view; but this is only a guess, and we do not even know whether they were themselves *coureurs de bois*, or whither they went from London.

For the seventh voyage, in 1678, both the *Prince Rupert* and the *Shaftesbury* sailed. In the spring of that year there were preparations for a war with France, which never actually broke out, and the Admiralty laid an embargo on shipping in English ports in order that the navy might make up its crews.[4] On May 19, however, the Privy Council instructed the Admiralty to grant passes to two ships outward bound for Hudson Bay, the *Prince Rupert*, 80 tons burden, Richard Power master, with 20 men and 16 passengers, and the *Shaftesbury*, Joseph Thompson master, 100 tons burden, also with 20 men and 16 passengers.[5] The *Prince Rupert*, not returning that year, was then detailed for service in Hudson Bay, where she remained until 1681, coming home at last in the place of the *Prudent Mary* which, as we shall see, miscarried.[1] In 1678 the *Shaftesbury's* homeward voyage ended in disaster. She reached Ireland and put into Kinsale;[2] in December she was insured from Kinsale to London, but she was wrecked off the Scilly Islands.[3]

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[1] See Appendix B, p. 312, and A.14/3, fos. 66d., 67d.-68.

[2] See Appendix B, p. 315.

[3] See Appendix B, p. 311.

[4] For entries relating to the embargo from March 20 to May 31 see *Cal. Treas. Books*, Vol. V, pt. II. In *Acts of the Privy Council, Colonial Series, 1613-1680*, I, 798, this entry is misdated 1679.

[5] In 1682 the *Prince Rupert* had a crew of fifteen (p. 231).

In 1679 the Company sent out two ships. One was the *John and Alexander*, a fireship of one hundred and seventy-eight tons, lent by the navy.[4] The other, the yacht *Colleton*, built for the Company's service and named after one of its leading members, came back ignominiously to London after getting no further than St. Michael's Mount in Cornwall.[5]

We have now reached the point from which the Company's history can be traced with the fuller details of the minutes. The new Minutes Book begins with the general court of November 28, 1679, at which a set of seventeen "Rules and Orders . . . For the better Regulating and Governing of the sd. Company" were read and agreed to. As these are the earliest known bye-laws we cannot be sure which of them, if any, were new. They may be substantially the same as some still earlier set which have disappeared; but, if any related to matters which had not been regulated before, they would very likely be added at the end, and it is worth noting that the last bye-law, no. 17, provides against the removal of any of the Company's books or papers from the committee-room without an order from the Committee.[6] The gaps in the records may possibly be in some way connected with a crisis in the Company's affairs. It was in July and December, 1679, that the Earl of Shaftesbury and Sir Peter Colleton respectively sold their last remaining holdings of the Company's stock. When the Committee drew up Governor Nixon's instructions in the following spring, they thought it necessary to comment on the defection of these two leading adventurers : " . . . wee do hope you will not be the lesse diligent, though the Earl of Shaftsbury and Sr. Peter Colleton, who first brought you into the Compa's. service, have sold themselves out, and some of us who are unknown to you do supply their places & charge in the Committee. The truth is the interest of the Company lookd. wth. so ill an aspect untill the arrivall of the *John & Alexander* [in December, 1679] that those worthy persons and sevll. others were discouraged to continue longer in the bottome where they were. But the value of our Actions is now more considerable in the opinion of the world though wee have had no great reason yet to boast, The Cargo you sent us last having been scarce enough to make us just to our Creditors and to provide supplies for the present expedition." [1]

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[1] See pp. 134-5, 147, and A.6/1, fo. 16d.

[2] A.15/1, fo. 21d.

[3] See p. 8, n. 1, p. 65, n. 1, and A.15/1, fo. 14d. The premium paid was £65 and £2,252 insurance became due.

[4] For Sir John Chicheley's warrant to deliver fourteen guns to the ship on the Company's security to return them at the end of the voyage see *Cal. S. P. Dom., 1679-80*, p. 109, and *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1677-1680*, p. 345 : the latter gives the names and particulars of the guns and their positions in the ship. See p. 25, n. 2.

[5] See p. 10, n. 1, and Appendix A, pp. 258-60.

[6] See *The Beaver* (Winnipeg, Hudson's Bay Company), December, 1935, G. L. Nute (ed.), "Two Documents from Radisson's Suit Against the Company", p. 45, for the Company's statement that one of their servants had removed their accounts for their first four years' trading. See also *H.B.S.*, V, ix.

The sale of the cargo of the *John and Alexander*, with the consequent revival of the Company's fortunes and the rise in the world's opinion about its shares, all fall within the period for which the new Minutes Book and the accounts give us full information. For the preceding bad time we have only a few scraps to confirm the Committee's story. Three stockholders who sold out within a few months of Shaftesbury were Arlington, another politician, Sir Richard Munden, the admiral, and Alderman John Bence. In the previous year Sir George Carteret and Sir John Kirke, two imperialist stalwarts, had gone, along with the city man Lindsay. We cannot trace the course of the Company's finances clearly. Their practice no doubt was, as the late Professor W. R. Scott remarked long ago, to pay for capital expenditure out of income. Both on shipboard and in the Bay their property was exposed to such risks that this was due rather to sheer necessity than to archaic book-keeping. Professor Scott was probably wrong in thinking that in their early years this practice concealed large profits.[1] The " debenture holdings ", as Sir John Clapham has called them, that is the borrowings from members with guaranteed interest, were neither very numerous nor very large before 1674, but there had been a call of £50 " for every 300 lb. Subscripcon, and after ye same rate for every greater and Lesser Summe "[2] on the stock in 1673 and by June, 1679, the Company had borrowed £3,200 from their banker and treasurer, Sir Robert Clayton, pledging their charter as security.[3] When November came and the *John and Alexander* had not made the Thames, it must have looked as if the position might soon be even worse. Besides the financial position there were other reasons for gloom. There were irregularities: it is strange that the blacksmith and the butcher were not paid their outlay for the 1678 voyage until January 14, 1680.[4] The Company's management had been at fault in the elementary matter of sending out their ships in time to get clear of the Bay while the navigation was still open. In the Bay itself, Governor Nixon, when he arrived there in 1679, found all things in disorder " and it had been Wonderfull if it had proved otherwise, seeing our Servants lived so licentiously . . . and that instead of saving and well husbanding the Companies goods and Provisions they all together studied how to spend and imbazle them ".[5] The new Governor may have drawn too black a picture of what he found; the new man often does that when he takes over and Nixon was oppressed by his difficulties; but ominous things had certainly happened in " the country ". The two Frenchmen had deserted. In the summer of 1679 Radisson was in London, trying to get his wife away to France and successfully resisted by his father-in-law, Sir John Kirke.[6] He was up to no good. If

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[1] A.6/1, fos. 6d.-7.

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[1] W. R. Scott, *The Constitution and Finance of English, Scottish and Irish Joint-Stock Companies to 1720* (London, 1910), II, 231. The reference here to a dividend in 1679 is mistaken : there was none before 1684.

[2] *H.B.S.*, V, xxxv. [3] See pp. 36, 39-41. [4] See p. 22. [5] A.6/1, fo. 16.

[6] In all matters relating to the two Frenchmen, unless a reference is given, I follow Dr. Grace Lee Nute's valuable book, *Caesars of the Wilderness, Médard Chouart, Sieur des Groseilliers and Pierre Esprit Radisson, 1618-1710* (New York, 1943).

Shaftesbury, Colleton and the others were not merely impatient at receiving no dividends, but in fear of losing their capital, they had some excuse.

## ii

During the time covered by the present volume the transferences of stock-holdings, duly recorded in the minutes, have no special significance. The little Company, with its £10,500 of capital, had thirty-six stockholders all told at the point where we begin, the annual general court of November 23, 1679, and thirty all told at the point where we leave off, when the ships had set out for the season of 1682. The composition of the stockholding body remained much the same as before. Two or three new recruits from the aristocracy took the place of the two politicians who had gone; nearly all the other newcomers were business men. Some of them increased their holdings or reduced them now and again, but we cannot infer from these operations what they thought about the Company. A man might either buy or sell to oblige a friend or to increase his influence, so buying does not imply confidence and selling does not imply anxiety. Altogether the transactions were too few to justify any large inferences.

Prince Rupert, the Governor, continued to do his duty by the Company. He presided at the three annual general courts, and the one special general court which was held during these years. They met at his house, alternatively called his lodgings, at Spring Gardens, Whitehall. As was proper he fixed the exact day, and he always suited the Company's convenience: the annual courts were on the last Friday or Saturday in November, when, if things went right, the ships ought to have made their return. No business was done by the general court except the annual elections and the confirmation of important matters decided on by the Committee. We do not know whether the elections were ever contested, nor how many of the absent adventurers sent in their votes in writing. Neither do we know whether there was ever any opposition to the Committee's proposals; but it seems most likely that the meetings were merely formal, with a touch of ceremonial dignity fitting to a body with a royal charter and a princely head. The old Earl of Craven would be there, and in 1681 the Duke of Albemarle and the Earl of Berkeley; but besides those elected to the Committee there were never more than ten of the other stockholders, and most of those who attended belonged to an inner ring who were personally concerned in the Company's business. Nicholas Hayward always attended until he was himself elected to the Committee in 1681: he had considerable colonial interests and was indispensable at the sales of beaver. William Walker, whose son was the Company's attorney,[1] attended each annual court, as did John Bradley who bought some of Walker's shares. Sir Robert Clayton's two appearances were natural enough since his firm were the bankers. The only four stockholders who, so far as we know, had no special reason for attending, are Francis Tyssen, senior, John Tyssen, Francis Tyssen, junior, and Mark Hildsly, who each looked in once.

Besides his presence at these meetings we know of other contributions of Prince Rupert's. On two important matters he put in a word with the King.[2] He perused and signed batches of letters and instructions sent out to the Bay.[3] The daily work of the Company was done by the Deputy Governor and the Committee. Sir James Hayes, the Deputy Governor, was the chief man. Except when he went down to the country,[4] presumably to his estate in Somerset, he hardly ever missed a meeting of the Committee in London. He personally handled matters which needed more than the ordinary business man's experience. He was the link with Prince Rupert; he prepared the memorial on the basis of which the Prince asked the King's favour for an application to the Treasury;[5] it was he who applied to the Admiralty for a convoy.[6] All the other committee members except one were business men, but the name of that man, one of those which were referred to apologetically in Governor Nixon's instructions as new names, was a very great name indeed. Sir Christopher Wren[7] bought his first £200 worth of Hudson's Bay stock in June, 1679, when no doubt it was cheap; he added to it gradually and for a few weeks in 1683 he owned as much as £1,200 of it. He did not attend the Committee as regularly as its more pedestrian members, for he was one of the busiest men in England, and he had no special knowledge of ships' stores or furs; but he was active, and we may fairly say that he was worth more to the Company than any of his colleagues except the Deputy Governor. When Sir James was away Sir Christopher, as acting Deputy Governor, took his place.[1] He "overlooked" the form of the oath to be administered to the Company servants.[2] When the time came for renting the Scriveners' Hall [3] he took a hand: he knew something about buildings in the City.

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[1] See p. 38.

[2] See pp. 106, 183.

[3] See pp. 83, 72, 119.

[4] See pp. 50, 86.

[5] See p. 106.

[6] See p. 120.

[7] See biography, pp. 343-5.

The routine work was done by the other members of the Committee. They fairly earned the 6*s*. 8*d*. which they drew for each attendance,[4] William Yonge, though a useful member enough, being the only one of the regular members who fell short of the rest in regularity. Of those elected in 1679 Wren, Yonge, Cradock, Letten, and Weymans were re-elected in each of the two following years, and Meese in 1680: he sold out before the next general court and died not long afterwards. Thus there was only one of the seven places in the Committee which really changed hands: it was a very stable body. Much of the work was done by sub-committees.[5] There were usually sub-committees for shipping, accounts and trade; others were appointed *ad hoc* for special purposes. Of the two successive secretaries John Stone did practically nothing except the office-work. Onesiphorus Albin was also "husband" though not "ships' husband"; but as a buyer of cloth he was not a success.[6] For the transaction of business it was no doubt advisable not only to have two or three heads rather than one, but also to have each member watched, in however friendly a way. Weymans and Colonel Meese knew the ropes at the Custom House; these two and Cradock and Letten were competent to hire a ship; Cradock and Phipps could buy guns, and so forth; but it was just as well to see that they did not go beyond the recognised limits in accepting perquisites and gratuities.

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[1] See pp. 50, 86. [2] See p. 63. [3] See pp. 176, 181.

[4] See pp. 4, 115, 155. The last entry gives the individual attendances for 1680-81.

[5] The first instance of a sub-committee so described on its appointment is on February 18, 1680; before that members are named to deal with particular pieces of business, but if they are referred to subsequently they are sometimes called sub-committees.

[6] See pp. 169, 186.

On the whole, we may suppose, they were upright. Only one man elected to the Committee had a bad record. This was Thomas Phipps, who was chosen for the seventh place in 1679. He was a man of substance; he was appointed with Wren to deal with Sir Robert Clayton;[1] but from an early date he did not work well with the others. They rejected a proposal of his that he should hire the Company's yacht *Colleton* for a season.[2] In the spring of 1680 Letten and Cradock went aboard the *Prudent Mary*, about to sail from Gravesend, and there they opened letters which showed that Phipps was "Obnoxiouse to just excepcion". He was suspected of inciting his kinsman, another Thomas Phipps, to misconduct himself in his capacity of warehouse-keeper to the Company.[3] He was expelled from the Committee and forbidden to sell his stock without permission from the general court; but the latter penalty was afterwards remitted; and in 1686 he became an adventurer again. There is something more that makes us regret he got off so lightly. Elinor Verner was the wife of one of the Company's servants out in the Bay. She appeared before the Committee to ask for some of his wages, but she could show no letter of attorney and so was dismissed. But the secretary knew that Hugh Verner had given a letter of attorney to Thomas Phipps, and that Master Phipps had drawn some of his money. The Committee instructed the secretary to give the poor woman a note of these facts, which she was to show to Master Phipps.[4]

Phipps's place was taken for one year by the great Sir Robert Vyner, but, whether because Vyner was lame and often could not attend,[1] or because his relations with the Company were difficult, he gave very little help, and at the end of the year his place was taken by an active man of the usual type, John Cudworth.

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[1] See pp. 12, 18, 37.

[2] See p. 14.

[3] See pp. 79, 81, 86.

[4] See p. 100.

In summing up the Company's progress in its first four years, Sir John Clapham has written that it " put its meetings and books on to a business-like footing ".[2] After the obscure interval in which things may well have been less satisfactory this can be re-affirmed more definitely. It is a good sign that the Committee now met, except on five occasions, regularly in the same place, for most of the first of our years at the Golden Anchor tavern in Cornhill, then for more than a year at Mr. Letten's house in Turnwheel Lane, and finally in its own ample premises at Scriveners' Hall. With the aid of the editor's notes and biographies we can indeed read the present volume straight through as a chronicle of the London end of the business. It is a pity to spoil the developing story by a preliminary summary; and, if we give such a summary to prepare the way for some comments on the Company's policy, the reader may prefer to skip the remaining sections of this Introduction for the present and come back to them after reading the body of the text, and so living in imagination through the hours which the Committee spent in their meetings, on the quays, in the sale-room, and down the river on board their ships.

## iii

When the Committee met for the first time after the general court of November, 1679, things looked unmistakably bad. There was no news of the *John and Alexander*. The yacht *Colleton* was in the Thames, with part of her original outward cargo: no inventory had been taken yet, and so the loss by her misadventure was still not known exactly. The Committee had no serious business to do except to settle some depressing accounts arising from the wreck of the *Shaftesbury*. Mr. Ekins of Scilly had salved some of her guns; her master, Captain

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[1] See p. 98.

[2] *H.B.S.*, V, lxviii.

Thompson, had to hand over his £50 stock in part satisfaction of the sum he had forfeited to the Company on his bond.[1] A week later, at the next Committee meeting, the scene changed completely. Sir James Hayes announced that the *John and Alexander* had arrived in the Downs. The Committee set about all the cheering jobs that her home-coming entailed. They swore in and dispatched a couple of men to watch over her cargo; when the ship came up the river they paid off the crew; they hired a warehouse and saw the goods through the customs; they engaged the furriers Jarvis Byfield and William Wilkinson to sort and price the skins; they posted notices for a sale.

There was other business to do. Governor Bayly had come home at last. He had been recalled as early as February, 1674,[2] but, what with one thing and another, he had never been able to leave his post, and all this time he had not answered the charges which had led to his recall.[3] He appeared before the Committee, who told him that he must answer in writing; but the charges were never drawn up; he fell sick and died within a month of landing. He was given a handsome funeral by torchlight at St. Paul's, Covent Garden; and the Committee was anxious that its employees and the Indians should believe that it had treated him well. It sent out a hatchment to be set up at Charles Fort; but there were some painful scenes with Bayly's widow later on, and she had not been satisfied about money two years later. There were other worries. Frauds by the mate and crew of the *Colleton* were detected; but the informer was imprisoned for debt and had to be bailed out; then James Clarke, who had served in Hudson Bay,[4] began to annoy the Committee with his litigation. But the bustle of preparation for the sale was the main interest of the month of January, 1680, and the sale was a success. It brought in nearly nine thousand pounds.[5]

This was enough to change the opinion of the world about the value of the Company's " actions " ; but its finances did not run smoothly yet. With their credit account at the banker's, the Committee naturally wanted to pay off the £3,200 which Sir Robert Clayton had advanced in the previous June. They approached my Lord Mayor, as he now was, with proper deference; but he refused to have his money back until the year was out that he had contracted for, that is until it had earned its full interest. Nothing would persuade him, and it was not until May that the Company recovered its charter and ordered a box to keep it in the office.[1] No wonder they did not re-elect this unaccommodating Treasurer; indeed they elected no Treasurer in 1680 or in 1681.[2]

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[1] See p. 9.

[2] *H.B.S.*, V, 84.

[3] See p. 14.

[4] See p. 18.

[5] See Appendix B, pp. 320-27.

They made their plans for shipping in 1680 with an eye to their limited resources and credit. As usual, of course, they were arranging for the next voyage as soon as the ship reached home, and they decided very early neither to build a new ship nor to buy one, but to hire.[3] In the end they chose the *Prudent Mary*, of approximately one hundred and forty tons, Captain Richard Greenway master. They also decided to build a small vessel not exceeding twenty-five tons to be sent in pieces by the next voyage and to remain in the Bay[4]; but afterwards they changed their minds about some of the details. The *Albemarle* frigate, launched in May, was rated at about forty tons and Captain Thomas Draper sailed her across the Atlantic.[5] The *Colleton* also sailed under Captain Walsall Cobbie. This was not an ambitious programme, but it brought the Company once more to the limit of its means. In addition to what they had in hand they needed a considerable sum to pay for the ships, their cargoes, insurance, wages and incidentals.[6] It was decided on June 16, 1680, to raise it by loans from some of the stockholders, who were to have six per cent. interest from then until Christmas, and six per cent. per annum after that.[7] The lenders were Meese, Weymans, Letten and Cradock; but their £760 5*s.* 9*d.* was insufficient. In August Sir Christopher Wren put up £100, and in September Cradock lent £200 and Weymans £50 for the insurance of the *Prudent Mary*.[1] The *Prudent Mary* had sailed in June, with the two small craft, and, as there were Algerine corsairs about, she had lived up to her name by taking the route up the east coast to the north of Scotland.[2] The last news of the small vessels was from Burntisland[3] in the Firth of Forth; Captain Greenway wrote from the Orkneys that he had lost sight of his consorts.[4]

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[1] See pp. 59, 66.

[2] See pp. 96, 101, 153.

[3] See pp. 35, 36, 39, 46, and A.6/1, fo. 5d.

[4] See p. 35.

[5] See pp. 46, 77.

[6] See pp. 83-4.

[7] See p. 84.

Autumn came, and the time for the ships to return; but in this year, as in the previous year, when the general court met in November there was still no ship. The *Prudent Mary* never saw England again, and it was not until the autumn of 1681 that the Committee had any news of her. There was " Some flying French Intelligence from Canada (whether true or false wee knowe not) . . . that noe Ship from hence arrived ".[5] If it was true, then there would be a heavy loss, even if the insurance money could be recovered.[6] At any rate there was no sale that winter, and the problem of finance was as bad as ever before.

There was no hesitation about equipping another expedition for 1681. In January, steps were taken to find a captain for a ship and to find the money. An offer was made to Sir Robert Clayton and his partner, Alderman Morris, that Sir Robert should be re-appointed as Treasurer if he would accept the same rate of interest for his overdraft as the members of the Company had taken for their loans in the previous year.[7] He absolutely refused.[8] The amount now needed was calculated to be forty per cent. of the Company's capital, or £4,200. Sir James Hayes thought he could arrange to borrow it at eight per cent., and it was decided to allow any of the stockholders who so desired to lend in proportion to their stock. It was to authorise these loans that the special general court was summoned in February: the Company's stock was engaged to Sir Robert Clayton as before for the whole sum, and any member of the Company was at liberty to bring in his proportion.[1] The members paid up well: out of £5,120 actually borrowed they supplied all but £2,000 which was put up by Walter Tyndall.[2]

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[1] See pp. 87, 89, 91, 114 and A.15/1, fo. 32.

[2] See p. 80, n. 1, and *Cal. S. P. Dom., 1679-80*, pp. 427, 611, for reports of Algerines off the Land's End in March of this year and in the Chops of the Channel in August.

[3] See p. 85.

[4] See p. 89.

[5] A.6/1, fo. 11d.

[6] A.14/3, fos. 121d.-122.

[7] See p. 101.

[8] See p. 102.

The special general court of February 11, 1681, did two other pieces of business. It confirmed the Committee's decision, which in the circumstances might well seem hazardous enough to need confirmation, to hire a ship for the next expedition. It agreed to a plan of the Deputy Governor's for saving a little on the expenses of the outward cargoes. Prince Rupert agreed to intercede with the King that he might obtain for the Company the same privilege as the Royal African Company enjoyed, of sending all manner of provisions for the factory without paying customs on them.[3] The privilege was duly granted for the necessary "clothes, provisions, victuals, arms, ammunition, implements and materials".[4]

In the meantime a ship had been found and her charter-party signed. She was the *Diligence*, one hundred and fifty tons, master Nehemiah Walker. She cleared in June. Throughout July, August and September the Committee never met. There was nothing for them to do but to wait. They had last heard of the *Prince Rupert* as in the Bay two years before. What had become of the *Prudent Mary*, *Albemarle*, and *Colleton* they did not know, so that they now had five ships at risk. In October they had news. The *Prince Rupert* and the *Albemarle* had arrived in company at Falmouth.[5] They brought one piece of bad news. The *Prudent Mary* had been wrecked at Tetherley's Island in James Bay. But they brought a rich cargo. There followed such another winter as that of two years before, but, as the risks had been greater this time, so the profits were greater. The sale was held early in November, and brought in the magnificent return of £15,721 4*s.* 9*d.*[1]

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[1] See pp. 102, 106.

[2] See p. 110. For the sums lent by individuals and the interest earned see p. 163, n. 2.

[3] See p. 106.

[4] See p. 116, and n. 1; *Cal. Treas. Books*, VII, 46, 79; see also ibid. VI, 35.

[5] See p. 127.

This was indeed embarrassingly good. There was a limit to the amount of beaver London could dispose of, and this sale seems to have come very near the limit, or even to have touched it. The resourceful Deputy Governor got leave from the Committee to ask the King, through the mediation of Prince Rupert, to issue an order to the Commissioners of Customs to suffer beaver wool to be exported " by bill of store ", that is to be re-exported duty free.[2] This seems to refer to the under-fur removed from the skins for felting, perhaps by the process formerly known only to the Russians. No doubt it was the furriers who wanted to export it; but the application suggests that the Company had more influence with the Crown than they had, and used its influence in the hope of relieving or averting a glut. We do not know whether the application was granted.[3]

The stockholders who had lent money were paid back and their faith was rewarded at the rate of eight per cent. In January, 1682, the charter was once more recovered, and the Committee decided that they could afford a permanent home for the Company. After making enquiries they chose Scriveners' Hall, which they rented for £60 per annum, and on March 22, they established themselves there, and fitted the place up with substantial furniture, and with a crane. The preparations for the year's expedition were on a larger scale than ever before, but they seem all to have been paid for out of the cash in hand. Besides the Company's ships *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle* there was a third which they built in the spring of this year, the *Craven* bark, William Bond commander, stoutly constructed to serve at the Chichewan river, of about forty tons burden. There were two hired ships, the *Lucy*, Captain Nicholas Reymer, and the *Friendship*, Captain Samuel Edwards. From the instructions now sent out to Governor Nixon it is evident that the Committee had learned all the lessons they could from his letters sent home the year before, and also that they were determined to expand their trade and establishments in the Bay.

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[1] A.14/4, fos. 37d.-50 and A.15/2, fos. 1-12d. and 114, where full details are given.

[2] See p. 183.

[3] If it was in accordance with the law as then understood, it is interesting as an example of the prerogative in matters of the customs.

## iv

As a source of information about life on the Bay, the minutes and accounts are much less valuable than other records which, it is hoped, will be published in future volumes of this series, especially the out-letters. The most illuminating of all these records, Governor Nixon's Report, is printed as an Appendix;[1] but, owing to the removal of the Royal Society's manuscripts to a place of safety during the recent war, it was necessary almost to complete the present Introduction before the Report became available. Like the out-letters it must therefore be discussed at a later opportunity, and for the present we deal only with the minutes. They give many particulars of the outward cargoes, the standing articles of trade such as cloth, kettles, hatchets, knives, tobacco, guns, powder and shot, the consignments for special purposes, such as bricks, tiles and laths, and the experimental purchases like Nuremberg toys,[2] painted calicoes,[3] "travelling spectacles" or snow-glasses,[4] and burning-glasses.[5] They mention a trumpet and drums,[6] a pendulum clock,[7] and various casks or smaller vessels of Canary or Malaga sack,[8] which enable us to picture the life of the Governors; but all these things should be dealt with in connection with the sources which bear directly on the methods and purposes of the Company's trade.

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[1] Appendix A, pp. 237-304.

[2] See p. 121.

[3] See p. 174.

[4] See pp. 173, 174, 176, 193.

[5] See Appendix B, p. 316. Burning glasses were popular scientific toys at this time.

[6] A.14/3, fo. 270d.

[7] Ibid., fo. 267d.

[8] See pp. 76, 121, 222.

From the minutes and accounts we should hardly guess that the choice of goods was sometimes open to serious criticism and that the Governors were apt to be highly dissatisfied with their position and powers. They tell us little about the difficulties of maintaining health and discipline among the Company's servants, or of relations with the Indians, or of hardships and adventures.

About the Company as employers they tell us more. The long series of entries of the engagements of masters and crews for the ships, and of craftsmen and clerks for the factories have their value, although they must be used with caution. The difference between Captain Walker's £200 per annum [1] and the £50 of Captain Draper [2] and Captain Cobby [3] is a warning against regarding the rate named for a smith or an edge-tool maker as typical, or suitable for comparison with the wages of men in the same employment in England: much depended on the skill and experience of the individual. There is an interesting minute recording the Committee's decision not to pay ordinary seamen more than twenty-four to twenty-six shillings a month "according to merritts",[4] rates lower than those granted to some men a short time before. It would be hard to say whether the Company had to pay well in order to attract men to its service. The two miners engaged to work the slood, Honeycombe and Keagle, repented of their bargain though Keagle went out in the end.[5] Bachelors were preferred.[6] Men who came home lame or frostbitten were given gratuities, though perhaps not on a generous scale.[7] On the whole, with contracts usually for three years and sometimes for more, recruiting does not seem to have been easy.

In matters concerning ships and shipping the minutes and accounts are informative. The expenditure on building, fitting, hiring and docking can be followed, and there is a good deal of interesting matter relating to insurance, both as to rates and as to practices.[8] These are, however, incidental matters lying away from the main subjects for which this book will be studied, and of such incidental matters there are many more. A student of the history of sales by auction will find some things to his purpose; even the references to the printing of "tickets" for the sales and other small products of the jobbing printer may be worth the attention of some specialist.[1] There are many oddments throwing light on the social life and business methods of the London of Charles II.

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[1] See p. 49.

[2] See p. 45.

[3] See p. 30.

[4] See p. 57.

[5] See pp. 67, 68, 71, 300.

[6] See p. 199.

[7] See pp. 18, 27.

[8] For insurance see especially pp. 64, 70, 84, 91, 133, 134, 152, 157, 167.

### V

No one who has any experience of the minutes books of companies, whether of the seventeenth century or of the twentieth, will expect them to tell the whole of any story; to see them in their right proportions, it is advisable to remember what they omit. Here and there in this volume are allusions to things that could not be entrusted to paper. There are two payments for "secret service", perhaps for information, perhaps for bribing someone to do some act: there is not much use in speculating whether the recipients were public officials, or business connections or people of some other class.[2] Payments of this kind may also lurk behind more innocent-looking entries; if not, it is surprising that the Company got through all these eventful months in the London of Charles II without spending more than £22 17*s.* 0*d.* in ways that could not be openly recorded.

Another mysterious item is the "private order" which the Committee gave to its member, Mr. Weymans, "to write to Burdeaux which was not thought fitt to be Entred."[3] This was on December 15, 1680, at a time when there was nothing in the Company's hands that they can have wanted to sell. The order may, however, have related to nothing more romantic than something they thought of buying. Less than a year later, but roughly speaking at the same stage of their preparations for a voyage, they sent for samples of several kinds of goods which they thought of buying from France,[1] and soon after this they desired Mr. Letten and Mr. Hayward to write to their correspondents in France for samples of blankets so that the like might be made in England for the Company to send to Hudson Bay.[2] We do not know whether the samples ever came, or whether the secretary had to do without them when he ordered Oxfordshire blankets in the following March.[3] But there is an interesting difference between the two years 1680 and 1681. In 1680 it was unlawful to import any manufactured article from France: an Act [4] to that effect had been passed in 1678 for three years. In 1681 it had expired, so that what was done openly then may have been done or intended clandestinely a year before, and indeed the secret service payment may have been connected with this business.

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[1] See pp. 63, 141, 142, 143, 149.

[2] See pp. 45, 140.

[3] See p. 98. A.15/1, fo. 34, September 1, 1681, Sundry Accounts Dr. to Gerrard Weymans include an item "for port. of Letters to & from Rochelle & Burdeaux concerneing Greeneway" 7*s.* 6*d.* Does this refer to Greenway of the *Prudent Mary* or to Greenway the clothdrawer?

An order for ninety pairs of blankets is no great matter; but the mystery surrounding it suggests that we ought not to be surprised if the minutes tell us very little about some of the Company's biggest concerns. In the first place, they do not tell us, as correspondence or notes of the Committee's discussions might have done, what views the Committee held on matters of trade policy. Buying for their outward cargoes was comparatively simple. Each year's purchases amounted to some hundreds of pounds, but this was made up of small sums distributed among a number of orders for different commodities. There were many dealers to choose from. If the goods were satisfactory there was no reason for leaving the firms who had supplied them previously.[5] All that was wanted was that the buying sub-committee should be good judges of the articles and the prices, and should not be cheated over quantities or quality.

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[1] See p. 132. [2] See p. 177. [3] See p. 189.

[4] 29 and 30 Car. II c. 1. "An Act for raising Money by a Poll and otherwise to enable His Majestie to enter into an actuall Warr against the French King and for prohibiting severall French Commodities," LXX.

[5] See p. 108.

On the selling side, however, it was different. The Company had a monopoly of one geographical source of supply of a commodity, beaver, which, with good management, might be very profitable; but intelligent and watchful management was always necessary for a variety of reasons. They seem to have maintained their monopoly effectively so far as it went; they had to take steps against thefts and private trading by their own servants, but their alarms about interlopers seem to have been excessive. At any rate we hear nothing about legal proceedings against any interlopers, nor indeed is there any reason to suppose that any ship except the Company's ships ever traded in the Bay in these years. The best safeguard of the monopoly was the ice. But it was not a monopoly of the whole supply of beaver to London. There had been an established trade in beaver for generations before the Company began. There was a legitimate import trade through New York. On October 10, 1681, our Committee was making arrangements for its sale, which was to be held on November 9. Mr. Wilkinson, the furrier, attended on October 28 and said that the goods would not be ready by then, so the Committee decided to postpone the sale until the 16th. Thereupon Mr. Byfield, the other furrier, made his appearance with the news of an impending sale of New York beaver on the 8th. The Committee at once decided to go back to its original date, the 9th.[1] This is not the only sign that the Company had to reckon with competition,[2] but, without research in the Customs records, which might be fruitless, it would be impossible to tell what proportion of the import of beaver to London was in its hands. Oldmixon wrote in 1708 that "Ten thousand Beavers in all their Factories was one of the best Years of Trade they ever had . . ."[3] He does not say that this was the highest number they ever sold, and in 1680 they reached 12,742;[1] so it would seem they already had by that date a large, if not a controlling share, in the London sales. There does not seem to be any means of comparing the prices obtained at the Company's sales with other London prices for beaver.[2] If such a comparison can ever be made, it will help us to judge what net advantage the Company gained over its competitors from the geographical superiority of the Bay route, in spite of its dangers and the long, expensive, absences of ships and men.

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[1] See pp. 129, 137, 138. Perhaps there were provincial buyers who would be more likely to stay in London for two days than for a week.

[2] See p. xli, n. 4.

[3] J. B. Tyrrell (ed.), *Documents Relating to the Early History of Hudson Bay* (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1931), "The History of Hudson's-Bay . . . by John Oldmixon (London, 1708)", p. 381.

Besides the competition of other importers, the Company had to reckon with the danger of combination among the buyers to keep prices down. For a long time past there had been at least the possibility of such a combination. King Charles I had granted a monopoly to the "Corporation of Bever-makers of London"; but the opposition of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers rendered this new and more specialised body abortive,[3] thus, no doubt also frustrating the clauses which were intended to prevent, except for export, the mixing of beaver with rabbits' wool in felting.[4] It was to the interest of the Hudson's Bay Company that beaver should be used in as many ways as possible, and that the importing of foreign hats and caps should continue to be prohibited. They had nothing to fear in all probability from the Feltmakers, a body of small men in competition with one another. But it was not the Feltmakers who frequented the Company's sales. The furriers who came there as buyers were more substantial men. Some of them were certainly rich. Sir John Clapham has pointed out how Thomas Glover's[1] large purchases overtopped the rest in the Company's earlier days. In 1681 Richard Gawthorne and Company bought on a far larger scale, paying in one year more than Glover had paid in four.[2] It will be noticed that the lots offered in the sales were large; two hundred skins is a normal figure; they were meant for the large buyers, and there is reason to think that these buyers were at least partly middlemen who would pass on their purchases later in smaller parcels to the furriers.[3]

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[1] See Appendix B, pp. 320-27.

[2] J. E. T. Rogers, *A History of Agriculture and Prices in England, from the year after the Oxford Parliament, 1259, to the commencement of the Continental War, 1793* (Oxford, 1866-1902), p. 596, has one entry for 1683. The French prices fixed on May 16, 1677, are given in C. W. Cole, *French Mercantilism 1683-1700* (New York, 1943), p. 69.

[3] R. R. Steele, *A Bibliography of Royal Proclamations of the Tudor and Stuart Sovereigns . . . 1485-1714 . . .* (Oxford, 1910), Vol. I, No. 1775. For the history of the corporation and its relation with the Feltmakers see G. Unwin, *Industrial Organization in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* (Oxford, 1904).

[4] Cole, *French Mercantilism 1683-1700*, p. 68. Half-beaver was repeatedly, and therefore probably ineffectively, prohibited in France from 1664.

Like Mr. Glover, Richard Gawthorne, two Byfields, Jarvis and Thomas, William Wilkinson and Mr. King, all of whose names occur in this volume, were prominent members of the Skinners' Company, one of the twelve "Great" City Companies. The Furriers were or had been "associated" with the Skinners, who appointed fairs for them, but associated apparently in a subordinate relation, and the Skinners still exercised some powers of inspecting and regulating their own trade throughout England. There may well be indications among the records of their Company which would throw light on the organisation of the market in which the Hudson Bay adventurers sold. And it is worth mentioning that no less a person than George, first Earl of Berkeley, who bought £200 of Hudson Bay stock from the Deputy Governor himself in 1680, became Master of the Skinners' Company in 1685.[4] Whether the market organisation amounted to much we do not know; but at any rate the buyers could not be trifled with, and there are signs that the sellers watched them sharply. Before their sale in 1681 it was rumoured that they intended to hold another sale at a later date. If this rumour had been believed, the buyers would have kept down their bids, for fear of a drop in prices at the second sale. The Company publicly contradicted the rumour.[1]

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[1] *H.B.S.*, V, xxxii. [2] See p. 160, n. 1.

[3] The importance of skins matched for quality and appearance makes purchases in bulk necessary at some stage in the fur marketing process. The bulk consignment is then sorted and sold in matched lots, at enhanced prices, to smaller men. At this stage in its career the Company was employing members of the Skinners' Company to conduct a preliminary scrutiny of its furs. A reputation for fair sorting would be a great asset, since the lots were bought by auction on sample—a process similar to that of the medieval woolstapler who "caste a sorte" before buying or selling in bulk.

[4] J. F. Wadmore, *Some Account of the Worshipful Company of Skinners of London* . . . (London, 1902), especially pp. 15, 45-8, 50, 193. Was Benjamin Albyn, Master of the Company in 1669, related to Onesiphorus Albin, appointed secretary of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1681?

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We are perhaps justified in concluding that the Committee, if it had managed its sales unwisely, might easily have provoked opposition, in the form either of a buyers' ring or of public and parliamentary attacks on its privileges such as were to come later. For the present, however, there is no sign that it felt any serious anxiety on these heads; the directions from which trouble was to be anticipated were those of Canada and France. Of all the omissions in our volume the most curious is the absence of any direct reference to this growing embarrassment. The annual average beaver crop of Canada was five or six times that of the Company's good years.[2] So much beaver was brought to France that it was difficult there to keep the price up to a level satisfactory to the various companies which successively held the monopoly of the import trade. They were in the awkward position of selling, in quantities which they were not allowed to restrict by refusing to buy, a commodity for which there was only an inelastic demand. There was already an over-supply of beaver in France in 1669,[3] and in or about 1674 there was a further slump in the price.[4] The great mercantilist statesman, Colbert, did what he could. He encouraged the manufacture of cloth, as well as hats, from beaver fur.[1] Either he or some of his successors permitted the re-export, free of duty, of unmanufactured beaver from La Rochelle.[2] There was, however, no chance of re-exporting it in any considerable quantities to England. Not only did the Navigation Laws make it illegal to bring beaver either from France or from the St. Lawrence to England; there was a more fundamental difficulty, which smugglers could not evade as they sometimes evaded the Navigation Laws, the difficulty that the English got their own supplies more cheaply than the French.[3] Perhaps there was no great danger that English smugglers would undersell the French in their own depressed home-market; but in another direction the English might injure the French trade. Russia had afforded France an alternative outlet for some of her superfluous beaver, and on January 7, 1680, " upon full Debate ", the English Company's Committee decided to keep out of their sale and reserve for a future date the skins which their advisers, the furriers, should judge fit for the Russia trade.[4]

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[1] See p. 145.

[2] Cole, *French Mercantilism 1683-1700*, p. 68, gives 89,588 lbs. as the average for 1675-85, a typical pelt from an adult animal weighing 1½ to 1¾ lbs. The same conclusion may be drawn from the figures given in Radisson's petition referred to in n. 4 below.

[3] C. W. Cole, *Colbert and a Century of French Mercantilism* (New York, 1939), II, 81.

[4] Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 294, Radisson's petition.

In Paris the Company must have meant at least a potential aggravation for difficulties which were of long standing. The fur traders in Canada saw it at short range, and to them it was a rival where there had been none. In the period with which we are concerned the English had not yet fixed themselves in the best places for trade in the Bay, and they were perhaps less skilled than the French in dealing with the Indians, especially after the defection of Radisson and des Groseilliers. Still, their independence of the difficult land routes made their expenses so much less that they could afford to give the Indians better terms than the French offered. Their coming freed the Indian trappers from the economic domination of the tribes which had acted as middlemen between them and the Europeans,[1] and the English understood this advantage.[2] Their coming disturbed the whole balance of native affairs. Far away from the Bay, at Sault Ste. Marie, the Jesuit father Nouvel wrote in 1673 that " les anglois ont des-ja fait une grande diversion des sauvages des terres qui parroissoient au lac Supérieur ". He added that the Iroquois were now scheming to obtain peltry from these tribes.[3] The English sold firearms to the Crees, who previously had none, and they fostered alliances between the Crees and other tribes.[4]

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[1] Cole, *Colbert*, II, 203-4.

[2] For measures which would have restricted the use of beaver and thus lowered the price, see p. xxxviii, n. 4: these were meant to favour the makers of beaver hats.

[3] I do not know of any evidence that the Company complained of illegal importations from France before the petition (in which Holland is also mentioned) which came before the Treasury on March 15, 1688: *Cal. of Treas. Books*, VIII, 1817. By that time the Company no longer had the Bay to itself.

[4] See p. 21. The order was rescinded a fortnight later because there had been " a great Sale of parchmt. Skinns ", which had been brought by " the Engrossers " (see p. 26). In other words they had been bought for re-sale, and the context seems to imply that this was to be, at least in part, re-sale to Russia.

The Frenchmen in Canada reacted in a variety of ways. As early as 1671 Talon, the Intendant of New France, had despatched Father Albanel with his companions on his courageous missionary journey, of which the further purposes were to see what the English were doing and to dissuade the natives from trading with them.[5] But persuasion could not turn a bad bargain into a good one. Even if Father Albanel's second journey had not ended ingloriously in 1675, when the English carried him away in the *Prince Rupert*, it may be doubted whether anything could have been gained merely by following the rivers and portages from Tadoussac over the northern watershed. Another possibility was to work round behind the English and intercept their supplies by advancing north-westwards towards the fur forest from the region of the Great Lakes. This also was not neglected. By 1678 the French had a fort at the southern entrance of Lake Nipigon.[6] In the next year Du Lhut scored a point by arranging a peace at the head of Lake Superior between the Sioux and the allies of the Crees.[1] By 1681 the French were trading to the north and west from the lake.[2] But these were slow beginnings in an enormous undertaking, and in the meantime the situation had not improved. In 1681 the Intendant Duchesneau complained that trade had fallen off because the English were still in the Bay.[3] There was little to hope from anything that could be done to develop the beaver trade to the St. Lawrence: Duchesneau saw that the only effective opposition to the English would be in Hudson Bay itself. He wrote: " The sole means to prevent them from succeeding . . . would be to drive them by main force from that bay, which belongs to us; or if there would be an objection to coming to that extremity, to construct forts on the rivers falling into the lakes, in order to stop the Indians at these points." Radisson put the case for the Bay route in Paris.[4] To accept his advice might very well mean an open breach with the English. Governor Nixon, brooding over the dark side of his position in the Bay, thought how easy it would be for some discontented servant of the Company to pilot a man-of-war to Charlton Island " if it should hapne that there should arrise any warrs between us and any nigbouring nation ".[5]

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[1] See H. A. Innis, *The Fur Trade in Canada* (London, 1930), pp. 41-5.

[2] See Appendix A, p. 254.

[3] R. G. Thwaites (ed.), *The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents, 1610-1791* (Cleveland, 1899), LVII, 20-22.

[4] P. Margry (ed.), *Découvertes et Établissements des Français Dans l'Ouest et Dans le Sud de l'Amérique Septentrionale (1614-1754)*, (Paris, 1888), VI, 26 ff., 82.

[5] Albanel's narrative is in Thwaites, *Jesuit Relations*, LVI, 149-217.

[6] Innis, *Fur Trade in Canada*, p. 47.

Sir James Hayes and the London Committee knew about some of the French movements in Canada. When Father Albanel, Radisson, and des Groseilliers left England in 1675, the Company took steps to counter their " ill-practices ". On its petition, on January 26, 1676, the Privy Council directed Mr. Secretary Coventry to give a memorial to the French ambassador, the Marquis de Ruvigny, desiring him to request the King his master to send suitable orders to Radisson and des Groseilliers and to the Governor of Canada;[6] but Father

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[1] Margry, *Découvertes et Établissements*, VI, 29-35. [2] Ibid., p. 5.

[3] E. B. O'Callaghan (ed.), *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New-York* . . . (Albany, 1855), IX, 166.

[4] His attempts are fully described in Miss Nute's *Caesars of the Wilderness.*

[5] See Appendix A, p. 245.

[6] *Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series, 1613-1680*, I, pp. 650-1. A corresponding entry of the same date is calendared in D. Brymner, *Report on Canadian Archives, 1895* (Ottawa, 1896), " State Papers—Hudson's Bay ".

Albanel was allowed to proceed to France with marks of favour. This was ascribed, nearly ten years later, to " other more powerfull applications " in support of his requests,[1] and perhaps a Jesuit found favour easily in high English quarters at that time; but well-informed Englishmen can have had no specific reason for thinking that stronger action was required. Neither Albanel nor Radisson brought about any immediate change in the attitude of Colbert.

In Paris the beaver problem looked less simple than it did in Quebec, and much less important. To begin with there was the over-supply. Then New France was a colony. Its population had grown to somewhere near ten thousand.[2] Colbert was willing to encourage the fur trade, as he was willing to encourage any kind of French economic activity; but not if it came into conflict with the major policy of promoting settlement, cultivation, industry, and peopling the country. He told Talon in 1672 that it would be no great loss if the fur trade stopped altogether, since that would compel the colonists to occupy themselves with manufactures, fisheries and the search for mines.[3] The *coureurs de bois* might be heroic travellers, but they had no respect for the monopoly of the *domaine de l'Occident*, and, as the careers of des Groseilliers, Radisson, Leclerc, and Prevost showed, they might make many kinds of mischief. So all through the sixteen-seventies there were instructions and orders to prevent the *habitans* from going off in their canoes on private trade or hunting at a distance from the settlements.[4] Nor was it in any case easy to handle the affairs of Canada when Frontenac, who backed up La Salle, was always working against Duchesneau and Laval and the Jesuits.

On a higher plane were the great European considerations which counted against official French opposition to the

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[1] Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 152-3.

[2] *Journal of the Statistical Society of London*, XXVII, H. Y. Hind, " On the Commercial Progress and Resources of Central British America; the Lake Winnipeg and Saskatchewan Districts ", p. 85.

[3] O'Callaghan, *Docs. Rel. Colonial History of New-York*, IX, 89.

[4] Cole, *Colbert*, II, 81-2.

Company. It was founded in the year of the Treaty of Dover, by which the English imperialists set out to gain what they could from a French alliance and a war against the Dutch. Two of the adventurers, Shaftesbury and Arlington, had been among the champions of that policy. The Cabal ministry, to which they belonged, broke up, and in 1674 England made a separate peace with the Dutch; but France was still at war until 1678, and during that war although Danby, the new minister, was not her friend, France had strong reasons for inflicting no pin-pricks on England. Thus throughout its first eight years the Company had no reason to be apprehensive of serious French resistance.

We do not know when the London Committee began to suspect that this immunity would not last. Commercial relations with France began to be troublesome in 1674, when Colbert's new tariff put obstacles in the way of English imports. In the months before the French made peace with Holland, parliamentary and commercial opinion in England became so exasperated against them that England seemed on the verge of going back into the war on the other side. As we have seen, parliament made warlike preparations and also prohibited imports from France. The relations of King Charles II with his parliaments degenerated after the Popish Plot, and the decision of the international question became entangled with a domestic crisis which was nearly a revolution. When they sold their stock Shaftesbury and Arlington may have been thinking about this, as well as about the *Prince Rupert* and the *Shaftesbury* pink. The old stability of the friendship between the two crowns was gone, and independently, the commercial brakes on French rivalry in Canada were holding less firmly. There were merchants there and in France who were ready for a new effort to work up trade, and Colbert was listening to what they proposed. Monsieur de la Chesnaye was ready to put up 10,000 *livres*, or nearly £1,000.[1] He had talked to Radisson in 1679, and in the summer of 1681 Radisson followed him out to Quebec. Once again we do not know how much Sir James Hayes and his friends had heard about all this. Even if they were informed of Radisson's movements, they may not have suspected that at last he had found French support for his plans, which had hitherto convinced only the English. They may not have suspected that the French danger, so long held off by good fortune, was coming to a head. When they spent the last week of May, 1682, at Gravesend seeing off their ships they had trouble over the stowage of the cargo and some awkward moments with Captain Gillam and James Knight; they had plenty of business to do, and perhaps there was no time for disquieting recollections of the miscarriages of the *Shaftesbury* or the *Prudent Mary*. Perhaps they thought that their troubles were over. Did they know that, the week before, King Louis had granted a charter to the Compagnie du Nord?

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[1] Innis, *Fur Trade in Canada*, pp. 47-8.

# MINUTES OF
# THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
## 1679–1682

*November the 28th* 1679

November
28, 1679

*At a Generall Court of the Hudsons Bay Company held at his Highness Prince Ruperts house in Springe Garden*[1]

*Present*[2]

His Highs. P. Rupert
Wm. Earle of Craven
Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Christo. Wrenn
Willm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Richd. Cradock
Mr. Nichs. Hayward
Mr. Gerrd. Weymans
Mr. Tho. Phipps
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. John Bradley
Mr. Henry Meese

The Governour, deptie. Governour, Committee and Treasurer Were chosen for the yeare ensueing

His Highness Prince Rupert Governour
Sr. James Hayes Deputie Governour
Sr. Robert Clayton Treasurer Lord Mayor of London

Sr. Christo. Wrenn
William Young Esqr.
Mr. Richd. Craddock
Mr. John Letton
Mr. Henry Meese
Mr. Garrard Weymans
Mr. Thoms. Phipps
} The Committee

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[1] Spring Gardens, where Prince Rupert lived from 1674 until his death in 1682, was originally a pleasure garden with butts, bathing-pond, pheasant-yard and bowling-green, attached to the King's Palace at Whitehall. After the Restoration the ground was built upon and the entertainments were removed to the New Spring Garden at Lambeth, since called Vauxhall. See H. B. Wheatley, *London Past and Present* (London, 1891), III, 293–6.

[2] For notes on and biographies of Prince Rupert, the Earl of Craven, William

Rules and Orders[1] for the better Regulateing and Governing of the Company being Read and approved of It was then Ordered to be Entred in the Bookes of the Company and to be Observed for the future. Vizt.

> Rules and Orders Agreed upon and Established at a Genll. Court of the Hudsons Bay Company held the 28th Day of Novemb. 1679 For the better Regulating and Governing of the sd. Company for the time to come.

First the Governour Deptie. Governour and Committee As alsoe the Treasurer shall yearly be chosen by Ballotting that the Elections may be the more Free and Impartial which said Governour or Deputy Governour from yeare to yeare soe chosen shall with any Three of the Committee be a Quorum to manage the affaires of the Company as in their direction they shall judge most for the benefit and advantage thereof But any Member of the Company who canot be present at the Generall Court shall if he please send his Suffrages to the Court which shall be received and allowed of as if he himselfe were present.[2]

2. Any Member of the Company may be present at the meeting of the Committee to heare there Debates; and if hee please offer his Opinion but none to vote in the resolution save those of the Committee only.

Every Member of the Company before he shall be Free of the Company or have libertie to be present at the Meetings of the Committee shall take an Oath to the Company according to the forme agreed on and herein expressed.[3]

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Yonge and William Walker see H[udson's] B[ay Company] S[eries]. Vol. V, E. E. Rich (ed.), *Minutes of the Hudson's Bay Company* 1671–1674 (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1942, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1942). For biographies of the remaining adventurers listed above see pp. 329–45 *infra*.

[1] This is the earliest set of bye-laws which has yet been found.

[2] Cf. *H.B.S.*, V, 54, 133, 135, 136, 138.

[3] This oath was required under the Charter of May 2, 1670. See *H.B.S.*, V, 66, 67, 136.

3. I, A.B., doe sweare to be good and true to our Soveraigne Lord & Lady the King & Queenes Matie. that now are his heires and successors, and that I will be faithfull to the Governour and Company of Adventurers of England trading to Hudsons Bay; in the mannagement of their Trade, the secretts of the said Company which shall be given me in charge to conceale, I will not disclose; and dureing the present joynt stock of the said Company, I will not trade to any of the Limitts of the Company's Charter,[1] without leave of the said Company first had and obtained So help me God.

4. Every Adventurer shall vote at all Generall Courts according to the Adventure he hath in the Generall stock of the Company that is to say for every 100 *li.* he shall have one Vote but no person shall be Capable of being chosen of the Committee who hath not 200 *li.* Adventure in the Generall Stock.[2]

5. If any Member Officer or Servant of the Company shall directly or indirectly Defraude the Company in any thing, receive any bribe from any person in any wise relating to the Concernes of the Company; or shall Trade to or from any part or place within the Limitts of the Companies Charter other then in the joynt stock, or so as shall be allowed by a Generall Court that such Member shall and Doe loose his whole stock in the Company or pay such pecuniary Mulct as a Generall Court shall Impose and such Officer and Servant shall forfeit all Sallary due to him and submitt to what further Mulct and penalty the Company shall thinke fitt to inflict upon him.

6. Every Member haveing share or part in any Goods to be sould to the Company, or Shipp to be Fraited for the Companies use, shall if he be then present or any waies privy to any such Bargaine declare his Interest to the Company and cause the same to be Recorded otherwise on discovery to be made

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[1] *I.e.* The territories drained by the rivers running into Hudson Bay. See *H.B.S.*, V, 131–2.

[2] Cf. *H.B.S.*, V, 54–5, 145.

thereof it shall be Deemed fraud in the Company and every such Member shall forfeit his whole stock or submitt to such Mulct as a Generall Court Shall Impose.

7. The stock and Dividents of each Adventurer shall be Obliged for such debts and ingagements as such Adventurers shall become ingaged into, the Company and the Committee for the time being may and shall distraine the same for the benefit of the Company untill such Debts and ingagements are fully satisfied.

8. The Committee for the Managemt. of the Affaires of the Company Shall meet from the time of the Ships coming home till the time of the Setting out again once A Week at least at the Comittee Roome and there stay three howers every meeting if business require it and from the time of their going out till the time of their Returne once in a Month or oftner if they soe occasion and that certaine dayes be appointed as Court dayes on which the Deputy Governour and every one of the Committee that gives his attendance shall have Six shillings and eight pence reward, if any of them be Absent on any pretence whatsoever hee shall loose that dayes Sallery Provided a Quorum meet, but if no Quorum meet then every person that shall be absent shall not only loose the Sallery for that day but pay Six shillings and eight pence to the Company Toties quoties so farr as his whole Sallery for that yeare shall amount unto to which end no reward or Sallery shall be paid to any of the Committee untill their attendance for the whole yeare shall be examined by the Record of the Committee which shall be done at the First Committee after a new Election, and Warrants then signed for their Reward accordingly.

9. In case neither the Governour nor Deputy Governour happen to be present at a Meeting of Five of the Committee on a Court day it shall and may be lawfull for the said Five or the Major part of them to substitute and appoint one of themselves Chairman or President of the Committee for that day and every Order or Contract made by them shall be as

valid and Authentick and every Warrant signed by them or any Foure of them shall be as effectuall to all intents and purposes as if the Governour or his deputy had been present.

10. All Generall Courts and Committees of this Company shall be holden at some place in London near the Royall Exchange[1] unless his Highnes Prince Rupert (being Governour) or the Company at a Generall Court shall direct it to be elsewhere.

11. Every Officer or Servant Imployed by the Company shall give Bond with security to the Company that they will submitt themselves to the Orders and Directions of the said Company and farther shall take an Oath to performe their respective duties in their severall Imployments and if any Officer or Servant whatsoever shall misdemeane himselfe the said Comittee shall have power either to turne him out or suspend him or them untill the next generall Court.

12. If it please God the stock shall be Augmented Fifty p. Cent. a Dividend of 20 p. Cent shall be forthwith made to the Adventurers[2] and one halfe part of the Proffitts at least once a yeare afterwards the Dividend to be made in money only.

13. All Goods belonging to the Company shall be sould publiquely at the Candle[3] and be paid for to the Treasurer of the Company before their delivery to the buyers.

14. A Generall Court shall allwaies meet and be held by the Directions of the Governour within Fourteen dayes after any of the Shipps are sett out upon Account of the Company at which meeting or Generall Court the Committee shall present to the Company their state and Condicion that they may know how to value their stock.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, V, 8, n. 1.

[2] See D. MacKay, *The Honourable Company* (New York, 1936), pp. 339–44, "List of Dividends Paid by the Company—1670–1863". The first dividend, of fifty per cent., was paid in 1684.

[3] See *H.B.S.*, V, 2, n. 1.

15. The first Court day after the Election of the Committee for the Management of the Trade for the ensueing yeare These Orders shall be publickly read and a Copie of the Charter shall be alwaies in the Committee Roome to be seen by any of the Company who desire to see the same.

16. The Committees Proceedings shall be dayly Registred and their bargaines for Goods or other Contracts shall be made publickly at the Board and entred in Bookes[1] kept for that purpose.

17. No Bookes or Papers belonging to the Company shall at any time be removed by any person or persons whatsoever from the Committee Roome without Order of the said Committee.

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[1] The books containing the records of "bargaines for Goods or other Contracts" have not been traced.

December
3, 1679

*At a Committee held at the Golden Ancor*[1] *the* 3*d of December* 1679

*Present*

Sr. James Hayes Depty.
Sr. Christo. Wrenn
Mar.[2] Letton
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Meese
Mar. Young
Mar. Phipps
Mar. Weymans

Ordered That a new Booke of Orders [3] be bought and the Rules and Orders which were agreed upon at the last Generall Court are there to be carefully entred and that then the Orders to be hereafter made shall be therein kept.

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[1] The Golden Anchor in Cornhill, John Browning, master. See p. 85 and p. 92, n. 1. The list of the Committee's meeting places in *H.B.S.*, V, xi–xiii, shows that they are not always known for 1671–74, the period covered by the first Minutes Book. Neither are they known for the succeeding period. For part of the period covered by the first Minutes Book and part of the interval before the beginning of the second Minutes Book in November, 1679, the account for rent is shown in the journal A.15/1, fo. 6, under date September 29, 1677, as follows: " Mr. William Walker is Cr. By Accompt of charges for Four years Rent of the room wherein the Committee meet and for fire and candles &ca. from Michaelmas 1673 to Michaelmas 1677 at £25 p. Annum One hundred pounds ". The account shown in the ledger A.14/3, fo. 270, covers the period Michaelmas, 1673, to March 25, 1678, at £25 per annum, and except for payments for occasional meetings held at the Sun Tavern and in Birchin Lane during 1677 and 1678, no further sum for rent has been traced until October 30, 1679, (A.15/1, fo. 22), when William Walker was credited with £12. 10*s*. 0*d*. for " Rent he pd. Mr. Browning Due 29th 7ber [September] ". Assuming that rent was at the same rate as previously, i.e. £25 per annum, the period March, 1678, to March, 1679, is unaccounted for, and it would appear that the Company's connection with John Browning of the Golden Anchor, Cornhill, began at least as early as March, 1679. See p. 54 for a record of the next payment of rent.

[2] Master, the usual prefix of address to a man's name, the weakened form being mister, abbreviated to Mr.

[3] A.1/2, fos. 1–152, the book from which the minutes herein have been transcribed. (Cf. Preface, p. ix.) It has been repaired and rebound. This book which is referred to later (p. 100) as the " Great booke ", measures sixteen inches by ten inches, and is regarded as the official Minutes Book for the period November 28, 1679, to June 28, 1684. For references to the writers see p. 15, n. 2 and p. 152, n. 1. A series of smaller books which, except for A.1/81, are still in their original bindings and are neatly but not elaborately kept, cover the same period. A.1/2 has been collated with this series and discrepancies of any significance have been recorded in footnotes.

Upon the reading of a Letter from Mar. Ekins from Sylly: Ordered That hee be Written to, to send an Accompt of the Number of Gunns taken up by him of the Wrack *Shaftsbury* and the bill of charge.[1]

Ordered That Mar. John Stone doe enter upon the examinacion of all the Bookes and Accompts of the Company from the begining thereof with Mar. Hobson.[2]

[1] Thomas Ekin's letter has not survived. The entry on p. 64 suggests that his correspondence was addressed to Alderman John Bence, a former Committee Member, who disposed of his stock in September, 1679. (See *H.B.S.*, V, 117, n. 1.) The *Shaftesbury* pink, originally the *Messenger* dogger, first came into the Company's service in 1672. The dogger was turned into a pink in 1674. (See *H.B.S.*, V, passim.) J. R. Tanner, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Naval Manuscripts in the Pepysian Library at Magdalene College, Cambridge* (London, The Navy Records Society, 1903), 26, Vol. I, 280–1, records that the *Messenger* dogger was taken from the Dutch in 1672, and that her measurements were: length by keel, 45 feet; breadth by beam, 17½ feet; depth in hold, 8½ feet; draught of water, 9½ feet; burden, 73 tons; guns, 4 in peace, 4 abroad in war, 6 at home in war. She was lent to the Hudson's Bay Company on May 17, 1672, and "since cast away". The voyages performed by the *Messenger* or *Shaftesbury* were:

To Hudson Bay, 1672; returned, 1673.
To Hudson Bay, 1674; returned, 1675.
To and from Hudson Bay, 1676.
To and from Hudson Bay, 1677.
To and from Hudson Bay, 1678.

The *Shaftesbury* called at Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland, on her journey home in 1678 and after leaving that port she was wrecked off the Scilly Islands. See p. 65, n. 1. The entry in the small Minutes Book (A.1/3, fo. 1), adds that "the *Shaftsbury* Pink . . . was cast away there the last year".

[2] The entry in A.1/3, fo. 1, adds that "Mr. John Stone . . . is receaved upon tryall as a Clerke . . . and that Mr. Hobson our Late Clerke doe give him his directions before he be payd the Sallary wch. is due to him for his past Service". A.15/1, fo. 26, shows an account of salary due to Richard Hobson from October 5, 1678, to December 5, 1679, at £25 per annum, plus a gratuity of 6*s*. 8*d*., amounting to £29. 3*s*. 4*d*. Hobson always described himself as a "clerk", when witnessing transfers of stock in A.43/1, but Stone, from the time of his

Ordered That Mar. Walker doe pay to John Pinke Thirty shillings for the Painting of the Armes of the Company.[1]

Capt. Joseph Thompson [2] haveing Assigned to the Company his share of 50 *li.* in the Generall stock in part satisfaction of the Debt he owes the Company upon Bond,

It is Ordered That that his Assignement be accepted for so much and that Sr. James Hayes the Deputy Governour doe Endorse the same upon the backside of his Bond wch. was done accordingly.

December 10, 1679

*A Committee of the Hudsons bay att the Golden Anchor in Cornhill held the* 10*th of December* 1679
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes Depty.
Sr. Christo. Wrenn
Mar. Gerrd. Waymans
Mar. John Letton
Mar. Hen. Mees
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mar. Rich. Craddock
Mar. Tho. Phipps

The Letters from on Board the *John and Alexander* [3] read and

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engagement on December 3, 1679, and even on several occasions after he was superseded by Onesiphorus Albin on November 9, 1681 (see p. 146), was always described as "secretary". He was presumably the first employee to bear that title officially. In addition he also acted as accountant (pp. 49–50). Stone was dismissed on November 3, 1682.

[1] The Hudson's Bay Company's armorial bearings are: Arms, argent a cross gules between four beavers sable; crest, upon a cap of maintenance gules turned up ermine a fox sejant proper; supporters, on either side an elk proper; motto, Pro Pelle Cutem. The entry in A.1/3, fo. 1, states that the arms were required for the Committee Room. Although the above entry and the information given on p. 59, n. 1, and p. 76, n. 2, prove that the Company used a coat of arms from the earliest days, it was only as recently as September 26, 1921, that official confirmation was obtained from Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy Kings of Arms. Illustrations of early examples of the Company's arms will be found in *The Beaver*, June, 1945, pp. 42–6, Ramsay Traquair, "The Coat of Arms".

[2] See Appendix C, pp. 341–2.

[3] The entry in A.1/3, fo. 1d., adds that Sir James Hayes reported the arrival of the *John and Alexander* in the Downs. Tanner, *Catalogue of Naval Manuscripts*,

their further Debate referred till to morrowe & of the Stock the afternoone till wch. time the Comittee Adjourned.

Ordered That Mar. Walker goe on Board the *Colleton*[1] Yacht and deliver to the care of Mar. Barram the Goods that were returned in the said Yacht that the said Mar. Baram may be Accomptable for them and an Inventory taken of what Delivered.[2]

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26, Vol. I, pp. 284–5, says the fire-ship *John and Alexander* was bought for the Navy in 1678. Her measurements were: length by the keel, 69 feet; breadth by the beam, 22 feet; depth in the hold, 9 feet 8 inches; draught of water, 11 feet; burden, 178 tons; guns, 8. She was ordered to be sold in May, 1686. The *John and Alexander* was lent to the Hudson's Bay Company by King Charles II for one voyage (see p. 25, n. 2, and Tanner, *Catalogue of Naval Manuscripts*, IV, 636, Admiralty Journal, February 1, 1679). W. A. Shaw, *Calendar of Treasury Books* 1679–80 (London, 1913), VI, 35, April 25, 1679, "Treasury warrant to the Customs Commissioners to permit the shipment, Customs free, on the *John and Alexander*, Nehemiah Walker commander, and the sloop attending her, of certain provisions . . . Appending: schedule signed by [Sir] Ja. Hayes of said provisions, being for 70 men for a year in the service of the Company of Hudson's Bay."

[1] The *Colleton* yacht was built by Francis Barham, junior, a private shipbuilder at Wapping (see p. 58), on the Middlesex bank of the Thames. She was launched early in May, 1679, and was apparently named after Sir Peter Colleton, one of the adventurers named in the Charter of May 2, 1670. See *H.B.S.*, V, 218–19. She left shortly afterwards for Hudson Bay, but according to the Governor and Committee's letter to Governor Nixon of May 29, 1680, (A.6/1, fo. 5), the mate and crew of the *Colleton* returned in July, 1679, having "forsook the Voyage when there was no necessity for it, staved the Bulkhead of the Vessell, and pretended the storm had done it, And when they came to the Mount in Cornwall sold much of the goods that were on board, pretending they had been forced by the storm wch. drove them back to throw them overboard; for which Villany wee shall in due time, wee doubt not, make the Criminalls smart". The master of the *Colleton*, James Tatnam, was aboard the *John and Alexander* when the two vessels became separated in a storm. See Appendix A, pp. 259–60.

[2] The entry in A.1/3, fo. 1d., reads: "Upon Infermacon that the *Colliton* yatcht was but ill looked after by Barham the builder and that no Inventory was taken of the goods apparell & furniture wch. were on board her & did belong unto her, Mr. William Walker is desyred to looke after it & to give an account of it to the Comittee". In a list of noted shipbuilders of England compiled by Samuel Pepys in 1686, there is a Barham described as "above threescore years old . . . a man of no spirit nor method and a Phanatick". He was apparently the father of the builder of the *Colleton*. See Tanner, *Catalogue of Naval Manuscripts*, 26, Vol. I, pp. 76, 78.

December 11, 1679

*A Committee of the Hudsons Bay Company At the Golden Anchor in Cornehill held the* 11*th of December* 1679

*Present*

Sr. Jams. Hayes
Depty. Governr.
Mar. John Letton
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mar. Tho. Phipps
Mar. Richd. Craddock
Mar. Hen. Mees
Sr. Christo. Wrenn
Mar. Gerd. Weymans

Capt. Nehemiah Walker Commander of the *John and Alexander* Sr. You are Desired by the Deptie. Governour and the Committee for the Hudsons Bay Company to receive on Board yor. Ship the Bearers hereof Charles Wilmott and Jeremiah Griffith they are to remaine untill your Ship be fully discharg'd and lett them have such accommodation as the Ship doth afford and also their Victualls which is the request of

London the 11th of December 1679.

December 11, 1679

*The* 11*th of December* 1679 *a Committee*[1]

*Present*

Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Governr.
Sr. Christo. Wrenn
Mar. Young
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Meese
Mar. Letton
Mar. Phipps
Mar. Waymans

Charles Wilmott and Jeremy Griffith being appointed to goe on board the *John and Alexander* and to stay there to prevent all Frauds and Embezelments, tooke their Oathes[2] so to doe and carried with them a Letter to Capt. Walker to receive them on board.

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[1] The minutes of this meeting and the preceding one appear under one heading in A.1/3.

[2] The oath, as given in A.1/3, fo. 2, was as follows: " I doe Sweare to be true to the Governor & Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudsons

A letter sent to Mar. Ekins to Silly about the Gunns of the Wrack't *Shaftsbury* in Answer to one from him.[1]

Mar. Waymans and Mar. Mees are desired to take a Warehouse and to take care for the unloading of the *John and Alexander*.

Mar. Craddock and Mar. Letten to oversee the Accots. and Mar. Phips to Assist both the one and the other.

December 17, 1679

*The* 17*th of Decemb.* 1679. *A Committee at the Anchor in Cornehill*

*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Phipps |
| Sr. Chr. Wren | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Young | Mar. Meese |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Letton |

Sr. Christopher Wrenn and Mar. Phipps report from Sr. Robert Cleyton Lord Major that he is content to receive the money[2] he hath Lent the Company in the month of February next and that he will furnish what hereby may be at present wanting for the discharge of the Customes; upon the Order of the Committee.[3]

Bay I will go on board the Ship *Jno & Alexander* as Soone as conveniently I can, and I will endeavour to my power to discover and prevent all frauds & Embezlements wch. are or may be comitted by any person or persons there and I shall not come from on board the Sayd Ship untill she be delivered or I receave farther orders."

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[1] According to A.1/3, fo. 2, this was the letter ordered to be written on December 3. See p. 8. A copy dated December 11 is in A.6/1, fo. 4. See also pp. 82, 89.

[2] See pp. 36, 37, 39–41.

[3] See pp. 18, 20–1.

Mar. Bayly[1] the Governour appearing at the Committee hath been told wee have some things to charge him which he shall have the next Committee in writing and wee shall expect his Answer to his charge in writing.

Mar. Bayly delivered in Receipts[2] of Governour Nixon[3] for severall Goods and concernes of the Company which he left with him at our Factories in Hudsons' Bay at his coming away.

Mar. Waymans and Mar. Mees report they have taken a Warehouse at Coldharbor under Watermans hall[4] at 14*s*. p. Weeke and a Weeks notice to leave it on either part after a Month and wee are to have the use of the Crane there.

Copie of the Invoyce of the Goods now come home is to be Delivered to Mar. Waymans and Mar. Mees.

Ordered That a Bill of 200 *li*. may be drawne upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to be paid to Mar. Mees and Mar. Waymans for the discharge of the Customes which was done accordingly.

Ordered That noe Money be paid to the Carpenter Barham upon his Bills unpaid untill it be examined what damage the Company have sustained by his ill Worke.[5]

Ordered That William Bond doe take the care of the *Colliton* Yacht and an Inventory of all the Goods and other things he finds on board and that Mar. William Walker be desired to see the same done.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, V, 209–13, and *The Beaver*, June, 1945, A. M. Johnson, " First Governor on the Bay ", pp. 22–5.

[2] These receipts have not been traced.

[3] John Nixon, who succeeded Charles Bayly as Governor in Hudson Bay in 1679. His biography will appear in the next volume in this series.

[4] Watermen's Hall was situated at the southern end of Coleharbour Lane, which led south out of Upper Thames Street to the Thames at Coleharbour Stairs.

[5] The entry in A.1/3, fo. 3, refers to damage sustained " the Last voyage about the *Jno and Alexander* and the *Colliton* yautcht ".

Mar. Phips haveing proposed a person to hire the *Colliton* Yacht till the next Voyage, refused.

Mar. Walker. Wee desire you to goe on Board the *Collyton* Yacht takeing William Bond along with you and give him possession and charge of her, doe you take an Inventory of what belongs to her and bring it us next Committee day which will be on Tuesday next in the afternoone.

Jam. Hayes
Chr. Wren
Rich. Craddock
Gerrd. Weymans
Hen. Messe

Ordered that Mar. Craddock and Mar. Phillips doe prepare a charge against Mar. Bayly out of the Memorialls[1] that are in our Custody and that Mar. Hayward doe assist them.

Tuesday next appointed for the Committee to meet in the afternoone 3 a Clock.

December
23, 1679

*The 23d December* 1679 *At a Committee*
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Gr. | Mar. Waymans |
| Sr. Chr. Wrenn | Mar. Phipps |
| Willm. Young Esqr. | Mar. Mees |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Letton |

Mr. Craddock and Mar. Phipps desire farther time for the Drawing up Mar. Baylyes charge.

Mar. Bayly will give an Account of what Trade Goods hee left with Governor Nixon the next Committee and of all other things which relates to the Company that are in his Custody.

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[1] These Memorials have not been traced.

William Bond delivered in an Inventory of what he finds on Board the *Colleton* Yaucht.

Ordered Upon the motion of Wm. Bond that he carry's downe the *Colliton* Yaucht to Deptford[1] and to take care of her there and he is to have Bartholomew Pearce who is a servant of the Compa. returnd this Voyage to serve him therein for which he is to be allowed 3*s*. p. Weeke.

There being Three other Servants returned from the Bay Wappereyes, Death, and Cole,

It is Ordered That they remaine on Board the *John and Allexander* untill the next Committee day which will be the 31 December and then to be brought by Capt. Walker to this Board to be further disposed.

Upon the Report of Sr. James Hayes that he had made a Discovery of Fraudes committed by those who return'd in the *Colliton* Yaucht

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe engage Mar. Ince the Sollicitor to prosecute the Offends. and to attend Sr. James Hayes for his direction therein.

Agreed with William James[2] to Enter all the Orders of the Committee in the Booke of Orders, for which he is to have 2*s*. 6*d*. for such Writing as the Deputy Governor shall direct him every Committee day for which he is to Attend to receive Instructions.

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[1] On the south bank of the Thames, three miles south-east of London Bridge. It has a royal victualling yard, but the former royal dockyard, established by Henry VIII, is now the London Cattle Market. See also p. 74, n. 1.

[2] The writing in A.1/2, from which these Minutes have been transcribed, is in the same hand from the beginning until and including the entry for October 20, 1681. The headings and beginnings of paragraphs are written in a larger hand than the rest of the matter and are ornamented with many flourishes. After that date it is a plainly written record. James was discharged from the Company's service on November 25, 1681. See pp. 100, 153.

He is likewise to have Thirty shillings for what he hath already written in the Booke of Orders which Colloll. Mees is to pay him upon Account.

Mar. Wm. James his Oath.

The said William James tooke the Ensueing Oath.
I doe sweare to be true and faithfull to the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England tradeing into Hudsons Bay; the Secretts of the said Company I will not discover; And dureing the Joynt Stock of the said Company I will not Trade to any of the Limitts of the Companies Charter without their leave, I will neither directly nor indirectly defraude the said Company nor consent to their hurt but will faithfully behave my selfe towards them in the Discharge of my Duty. So help me God.

Cololl. Mees Reports he hath Landed the Goods out of the *John and Alexander* and Lodged them in a Warehouse taken by him upon Cocks's Key[1] the other Warehouse which was taken by Mar. Waymans not being thought so convenient.

Resolved Upon Debate that all our Beavor[2] both Coats and Parchment shall be Exposed at the same time to Publique sale, and all the rest of the Skinns now come home and the day of the Sale shall be upon Tuesday the 27th day of January next, and Mar. Stone is to sett it up upon the Exchange tomorrowe in severall places.

Ordered That Capt. Walker doe Deliver unto William Bond the Long Boat which belongs to the *Colliton* Yaucht.

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[1] Cox's Quay (former name " Cock's Key ") is on the south side of Lower Thames Street, in Billingsgate Ward. See H. A. Harben, *A Dictionary of London* (London, 1918), p. 176.

[2] For definitions of coat beaver and parchment, or *castor sec*, see *H.B.S.*, V, 8, notes 2 and 3.

*The* 31 *December* 1679 *At a Committee*
*Present*

December 31, 1679

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Govr. | Mar. Phipps |
| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mar. Craddock |
| Wm. Young Esqr. | Mar. Letton |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Waymans |

Ordered that Capt. Walker doe take the *Colliton* yacht into his custody and care notwithstanding the Order of the last Committee.

Ordered That Mar. William Walker the Attorney[1] doe take upon him the care of what was the last Committee recommended to Mar. Ince and the said Mar. Walker is to proceed upon the same out of hand.

Ordered That Colonll. Mees doe pay unto Mar. Hobson the summe of Twenty five pounds takeing his Receipt in full and bring the same to Account.

Mar. Buck[2] a Member of the Company produced at the Committee an Instrument under the hand and Seale of Sr. Richard Munden[3] shewing that the 50 *li.* in the Bookes of the Company which is in the name of Sr. Richard Munden is the Interest of the said Mar. Buck.

Ordered That Mar. William Walker the Attorney doe pay unto Richd. Paschall who gave Informacion against the Mate of the *Colliton*[4] yacht and the Ships crew 5*s.* p. Weeke for his support in Prison he being Arrested by some of his Creditrs. by the contrivance of some of the Offendrs. which 5*s*. p. week is to be paid untill further order.

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[1] The son of William Walker, stockholder. See p. 38.

[2] James Buck of Chelsea in the county of Middlesex acquired £100 stock in the Hudson's Bay Company from Sir James Hayes on September 15, 1675, and assigned it to John Cudworth on April 29, 1680. His interest in Sir Richard Munden's holding is referred to on pp. 336, 340.

[3] See Appendix C, pp. 339–40.

[4] A.14/3, fo. 117d. and A.15/1, fo. 18d., May, 1679, name James Knowles as mate of the *Colleton*. See p. 10, n. 1.

Ordered That Sr. Christo. Wrenn and Mar. Phipps be desired to attend Sr. Robert Cleyton Lord Mayer to desire him to give the Company Credit for £1000 more, to pay off some pressing Debts and to Offer him 6 *li*. p. Ct. for the same.[1]

Ordered That Joseph Cole who is now returned from the Bay Lame shall have 20*s*. in hand to carry him into Darbysheir and a Note for 4 *li*. more to be carried by him into the Country to his Parents, and Cololl. Mees is desired to pay the 20*s*. and to give his Note for the said 4 *li*.

William Billings alias Wappereyes is likewise to have 25*s*. he being to goe into Licestersheir.

Henry Cole alias Death is to have 20*s*. which summes Cololl. Mees is likewise desired to pay.

Severall Attachmts. were this day made upon the Committee in the name of James Clarke[2] wch. Mar. Walker the Attorney is directed to looke after in behalfe of the Company.

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[1] See pp. 12, 20–1.

[2] See pp. 38, 39, 56, 65, 70. James Clarke went to Hudson Bay at least as early as 1676. He served in the *Shaftesbury* in 1677 and in 1678 went to Hudson Bay as mate of the *Prince Rupert* (Captain Power), presumably to stay there. He must have returned in the *John and Alexander* in 1679, doubtless on account of his letter to Captain Power showing his "unfaithfullnesse & treachery." (A.6/1, fo. 9.)

*Tuesday 6th Janry.* 1679 *At a Committee at the* 3 *Tunns in Shandoys Street*
*Present*

N.S. January 6, 1680

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Craddock |
| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mr. Letton |
| Mr. Younge | Mr. Waymans |

Mr. Charles Bayley our late Governor in Hudsons Bay died this Morning at Mar. Walkers house in the Strand and his Funerall being now taken into consideration

Resolved That he be buried at the charge of the Company in the Church of St. Paules [1] Covent Garden in which Parish he was borne, And the care of his Funerall is recommended to the said Mar. Walker being a Member of the Company and he is Desired to see the same decently pformed. taking to his Assistance Mar. James Shaw of Covent Garden who hath tendered his help therein his Sonne [2] being in the service of the Company in Hudsons Bay. The charge of the Funerall is not to exceed 20 *li*. The time of the Funerall to be upon Thursday next by Torch Light. The Committee and such of the Company who please to be there, and all the Officers of the Shipp *John and Allexander* with whome he came home are to be Invited to attend the Corps.

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[1] Not St. Paul's Cathedral. The church in which Bayly was buried was totally destroyed by fire on September 17, 1795. Another church was erected later on the same site.

[2] Presumably John Shaw whose attorney, according to A.15/2, fo. 13d., was James Shaw. See p. 155.

N.S.
January 7,
1680

*Wednesday 7th Janry.* 1679 *A Committee at the Anchor in Cornehill*

*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Yonge | Mar. Letton |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Craddock | |

Mar. Walker the Attorney gives an Accot. of the things recommended to his care.

Colonll. Mease haveing desired the pleasure of the Committee what should be given as a Gratuity to Mar. Cooke the Surveyor and Mar. Clarke the Warehousekeeper at the Custome house for their Service at the unloading of the *John and Alexander*

It is Ordered That he presents them with 20*s.* a peece for a gratuity.

Ordered That the Shipps Company of the *John & Alexandr.* be paid off by Cololl. Meese and Mar. Waymans upon Satturday morning next, which Capt. Walker the Comander of the said Shipp is to informe the Men.

Mar. Walker the Attorney informes that Richd. Pasckall to whome hee was Ordered by the Committee of the 31th December last to pay 5*s.* p. Weeke for his support in Prison, Is Bayled out and nothing hath been by him [sic].

Ordered That Mar. Waymans and Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Charles Wilmott and Jeremiah Griffith for their attendance on Board the *John and Alexander* at her Arrivall 5 *li.* 18*s.*

Mar. Yonge and Mar. Phipps haveing been with my Ld. Mayor report from him that hee is content to furnish what

Money the Company have present occasion for Whereupon Its Ordered that hee be drawne upon for Five hundred pounds to be paid to Cololl. Meese and Mar. Waymans for the Discharge of the Seamen and a Bill is Drawne upon him accordingly.

Ordered That Mar. Jarvis Bifeild and Mar. Wm. Wilkinson be Employed in the sorting and Lotting of our Coote Beaver and Colonell Meese and Mar. Waymans are to engage them in that service and to oversee the Execucion thereof, And it is Resolved that the Lotts be made to consist of 200 skinns in a Lott.

And as for the Parchmt. skinns it appearing that there are severall sorts of those Skinns some whereof may be fitt for the Rushia Mkt.[1]

Ordered that the said Mar. Bifeild and Mar. Wilkinson doe distinguish of the said Parchmt. Skinns making 200 skinns in each Lott as of the Coate And upon full Debate, it is also Determined that the Skinns which shall be thought fitt for the Rushia Trade shall be reserved to a future day of Sale, notwithstanding the preceeding Order of the 23rd Instant.[2]

All the rest of the Cargo shall be Exposed to sale by the Candle upon the day appointed for Sale, and to be putt into such Lotts As Cololl. Meese and Mar. Waymans shall thinke fit.

As for the other Goods which are not mencioned in our Invoyce it is Ordered that they be sold with the Cargo notice being taken what the quantity and quality of them are.

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[1] The Russian market required the beaver for wear as furs, and not for the hat-making industry as in England and France. The skins most suitable for export to Russia were those taken undamaged in winter, and having large excellent fur and long hair. By a process known only to the Russians the fur or down was removed and the long guard hair left on the skin for wear. The fur or down, known as "Russian wool", was exported to France. See H. A. Innis, *The Fur Trade in Canada* (London, 1930), pp. 66, 77–8.

[2] The order of December 23, 1679. See pp. 16, 26.

N.S.
January 14,
1680

14*th Janry.* 1679 *At a Committee*
*Present*

Sr. Jams. Hayes
Wm. Yonge Esqr.
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Phipps
Mar. Letton
Sr. Chr. Wrenn

Ordered That a Bill be Drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton for the paying of One hundred twenty two pounds to Michaell Dudfeild Blacksmith in full for all Goods furnished by him for the Voyage 1678 and of all other Demands And a like Bill for One hundred twenty five pounds to Rowland Pert Butcher.

Ordered That a like Bill be Drawne for the paymt. of Twenty eight pounds three shillings and nine pence to Mar. William Walker for the Funerall Expences of Governor Bayley and of Two pounds Seaventeen shillings paid by him to his Apothecary Mar. Price in all Thirty one pounds nine pence.

That Cololl. Meese doe Deliver to Capt. Walker the Five Beaver skins and Two Otter skins which he brought home made up in a bundle and Marked with his owne Marke.

Capt. Walker haveing brought in an Accot. of severall Goods Gunns and Provisions brought home by him this Voyage which are not fit for the Service of the Company

Ordered That hee Delivers the Gunns to Mar. Stace, the Kettles to Mar. Silvester and the rest of the Provisions to dispose of for the best advantage of the Company.

Ordered That the *Ruperts*[1] men and others who came home this Voyage upon the *John and Alexander* be paid by Cololl. Meese what is due to them to the time they were Discharged by Capt.

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[1] The frigate *Prince Rupert*. See *H.B.S.*, V, passim.

Walker, and Mar. Craddock and Mar. Letton are desired to Examine before Saturday next what is due to them and what they have taken up in the Country which is to be Defalked.[1]

And that the said Cololl. Meese doe also pay unto Mate Cobby[2] Thirty one pounds five shillings in full for his Wages and all other Demands.

Cololl. Meese Reports that hee and Mar. Phipps have agreed for a Warehouse under the New Bedlam[3] for the Disposing of the Beavor in Order to the Sale for which wee are to give 15 *li.* for Forty Days from tomorrowe which is approved of by the Committee.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Mar. Clarke Warehousekeeper at the Custome house 20*s.* more then what was Ordered him before.

That the Committee doe meet againe next Satturday before 3 a clock in the afternoone.

*Saturday* 17*th Janry.* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

N.S.
January 17,
1680

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Wm. Yonge Esqr. | Mar. Letton |
| Cololl. Mees | Mar. Phipps |

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton Lord Mayor to pay to Cololl. Meese One hundred and fifty pounds.

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[1] J. O. Halliwell (ed.), *A Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words* (London, 1904), "Defalk. To cut off; to diminish . . . to abate in a reckoning."

[2] Walsall Cobbie. See Appendix C, pp. 335–6.

[3] The Bethlehem Hospital, popularly known as Bedlam, is known to have housed lunatics as early as 1403, and with the exception of a similar institution in Granada, Spain, was the first lunatic asylum in Europe. Its original site was in Bishopsgate Without, from whence it was removed to Moorfields in 1675.

That Cololl. Meese doe pay to the Wife of Richd. Pasckall 20*s.* upon Account.

That Cololl. Meese doe pay to [Richard] Phineas for certaine Carpentrs. tools which hee delivered to Governor Nixon in the Bay as appeares by his Receipt.

Whereas it appeares by Capt. Walkers Account that he gave 7 *li.* to the Pilott at the Downes to bring up the *John and Alexander* which is 40*s.* more then ought to have been paid him But he affirming that the pilott whose turne it was would not serve under that price, the said 40*s.* is to be allowed Capt. Walker upon his Accompt soe as it be not hereafter brought into president.

Ordered That an Order be drawne upon the Lord Mayor to pay unto Mar. William Walker 16 *li.* 14*s.* 11*d.*

That the Sub-Committee for Account doe take into examinacion the Accompts of Davis the Shipp Chandler Joyce the Sale Maker and Merriehurst the Rope maker and make Report thereof to this Board the next Committee to the end they may have their present Satisfaccion.

Ordered That the Sale of the Cargo be putt off untill Tuesday the 3d of February next and Mar. Stone our Secretary is to take care that notice be given of it by Bills upon the Exchange upon Munday next, and upon Tuesday the 27th which was the Day first appointed for the Sale the Goods shall be ready to be seene.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

*Wednesday* 21*th Janry.* 1679 *Att a Committee Present*

N.S. January 21, 1680

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mar. Phipps |
| Wm. Young Esqr. | Cololl. Mees |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Waymans |

Upon the Report of the Sub committee for Accots. in pursuance of the Order of the last Committee

Ordered That Mar. Joyce the Sailemaker be paid 77 *li.* in full of all his Demands Mar. Merryhurst is to bring in Bill again his Old Bill being lost Mar. Davis Accot. could not be finished because he did not appeare.

Ordered That Mar. Letton Mar. Phipps and Mar. Craddock doe take into their Examinacion the last Letter[1] of Governor Nixon concerning the Goods that are to be sent the next Voyage, and also Wm. Bonds paper[1] which he hath Delivered in upon that Subject and to Report the Substance of both the next Committee.

Ordered That Mar. Stacy, Palmer Powell and Sanderson Gunnsmiths doe prepare each of them Three Gunns for Samples of 4 foot 4½ and 5 foot which they are to prepare at their owne charge to be returned if the Committee shall not like them, that we may Employ such of them who use to make the best worke.

Ordered That the *John and Alexander* and her Gunns be forthwth. Delivered to his Maty.[2] and that the Company doe hire a Ship for the next Voyage it being adjudged most for the Interest and advantage of the Company so to doe, and Sr. James Hayes is desired with the Assistance of Mar. William Walker and Capt. Walker to take care to Deliver both the Shipp and Gunns and to take up the Obligacions which were given for the same.

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[1] These documents have not been traced.

[2] *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies*, 1677–1680, p. 345, Whitehall, March 26, 1679, "Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master General of the Ordnance, That whereas His Majesty has lent the ship John and Alexander to the Hudson's Bay Company for one voyage, he cause to

It being represented to this Board by Cololl. Meese that a great Sale hath been lately made of parchmt. Skinns and bought by the Engrossers[1]

Ordered That all the Beavor as well parchmt. Skinns as others be sold together upon the day appointed for the Sale notwthstanding the former Order to the contrary at the Committee 7th January last.

Ordered That Capt. Walker doe find out and hire a Warehouse fit to receive the Goods belonging to the Company which are on Board the *John and Alexander* and doe take care forthwth. to dispose of the said Goods in such Warehouse accordingly.

William Bonds past service in the Country being taken into consideracion and it appearing that there is a Ballance of 123 *li.* 1*s.* 3*d.* due to him It is thought fitt to add to the said Summe as a marke of the favour of the Company to make it up 130 *li.* and an Order is to be drawne upon my Lord Maior for the paymt. of that Summe unto him.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Geo. Newton Charles Savage Patrick Savage and Zachary Bardon who are

be delivered to said Company for the defence of said ship the guns following with their carriages, viz. for the forecastle four sakers of 6½ foot and 10 cwt., for the steerage four sakers of 6 foot and 8 cwt., for the gun-room four sakers of 7½ foot and 16 cwt., and for the quarterdeck two falcons of 2½ cwt., the Company giving sufficient security to restore same at the end of the voyage."

[1] Buyers engaged in purchasing goods wholesale in order to establish a monopoly and sell at a higher price. Practically "engrossing" came to be considered buying wholesale to sell again wholesale. See *Encyclopaedia Britannica.*

returned out of the Country the Wages which is due unto them as it hath been Stated by Mar. Craddock and Mar. Letton, and in regard that Newton hath lost the use of some of his fingers he is to receive 2 *li.* 8*s.* 7*d.* in Addicion to his wages, of bounty.

Adjourned till Monday next.

*January* 26*th* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

N.S.
January 26,
1680

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Phipps |
| Wm. Young Esqr. | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Craddock | Sr. Christo. Wrenn |
| Cololl. Meese | |

Upon the Report of Cololl. Meese and Mar. Craddock that the Men imployed in Sorting the Beaver have found 302 Stage Skinns[1] Weighing about 453 li. and 342 Stage Pappoes[2] Weighing about 147 li. Which if they should be mingled in the Sale with the good Beaver would sinke the value of the whole near 12*d.* p. li.

Ordered That the said Stage skins be putt into Lotts a part and sold by themselves.

Agreed with Mar. Thomas Garland[3] and he is to goe into the Country in the service of the Company to be Imployed as the Governor in the Country shall direct for which he is to have xxx *li*. p. Ann. and to returne home at the end of 3 yeares if he shall send his Desires to that purpose the yeare before and he is to enter into Pay from this day  Wittness his hand  Thomas Garland.

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[1] For a definition of " Stage Skins " see H[udson's] B[ay Company] S[eries], Vol. VI, E. E. Rich (ed.), *The Letters of John McLoughlin from Fort Vancouver to the Governor and Committee, Second Series*, 1839–44 (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1943, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1943), p. 70, n. 1.

[2] Presumably cub beaver.

[3] According to A.15/1, fo. 12, Thomas Garland was a seaman in the *Prince Rupert* in 1678. He returned from Hudson Bay in the *John and Alexander* in 1679.

Mar. Bifeild and Mar. Wilkenson Report to this Committee that they have sorted and Lotted the Beaver skinns and the rest of the Cargo wch. is to be Exposed to sale the 3d February next.

Of which they give the following Account

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| At 9*s*. p. li. to Advance | 2*d*. | 38 Lotts of Coat Beaver conteyning about 200 skinns in each Lott. |
| At 8*s*. p. li. to advance | 2*d*. | 22 Lotts of Parchmt. Beaver conteyning about 204 skins in each Lott. |
| At 3*s*. 6*d*. p. li. to advance | 1*d*. | 2 Lotts of Stage Beaver conteyning 152 of Large and 175 of small skinns in each Lott. |
| At 1*s*. 6*d*. p. sk. to Advance | 1*d*. | 2 Lotts of Martins Skinns: No. 1. conta. 600<br>No. 2. conta. 527 |
| | | Besides 48 Skins chosen and layd by for such Members of the Compa. as please to buy them. |
| At 4*s*. p. sk. to Advance | 2*d*. | 1 Lott of Otters conteyning 160 Skinns. |
| At 6*d*. p. li. to Advance | ¼*d*. | 3 Lotts of Raw Elke skinns<br>No. 1 conta. 215 Parchment<br>No. 2 conta. 146 Skinns<br>No. 3 conta. 146 Skinns |
| At 5*s*. p. skin to Advance | 2*d*. | 2 Lotts of Drest Elke conta. 250 Skinns in each Lott. |
| | | Besides 23 Dressed skinns being the thinnest and most unfit for the |

Market reserved for the private use of such of the Company who please to buy them.

At 3 *li.* to advance 1*s.* An Old Otter Coat and 13 Otter peeces, and 12 Otter peeces valued together att 2 *li.* 5*s.* 10 Musk Quash 16 Beaver peeces Valued att 15*s.* which are bundled all together and so to be sett up as in the Margent.

Besides 8 Choyse Black Beavers Reserved for the use of the Committee.[1]

Which Account being given in by them and their Advise being asked at what Rates the severall Lotts are to be sett up: they advise as in the Margent and thereupon it is Ordered to be sett upp accordingly to Morrow upon the Exchang by the care Of Mar. Craddock and Mar. Phipps.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

*January* 28*th* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

N.S.
January 28,
1680

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes D. Gr. | Mar. Craddock |
| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mar. Phipps |
| Wm. Young Esqr. | Mar. Letton |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Waymans |

Thomas Moore[2] who hath been formerly seaven yeares in our service comes to tender himselfe againe and is directed to attend againe this day Seavennight.

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[1] For the final number of lots and the prices obtained, see Appendix B, pp. 320–7.

[2] It would appear from the Account Books that Thomas Moore, seaman, was not re-engaged.

Richard Lucas haveing been proposed to the service of the Company haveing been Mate in the *Rupert* he is directed to apply to Captain Walker to be his Mate in the next Expedicion.

It being taken into Consideracion whether wee should send a Second into the Country from hence or choose one from amongst the best qualified there.

Resolved To choose one in the Country and Mar. Farr[1] and Mar. Knight[2] being in nominacion Farr is supposed the best qualified for that Command but the Resolucion of it is putt of to the next Committee.

Agreed with Mate Walsall Cobby and he is to take into his care and Command the *Colliton* Yaucht to Sayle her into the Country and to comand her there till he be recalled home by the Company for which Service he hath Agreed to take 50 *li.* p. Ann. and hee is to have 10 *li.* over and above given him to sett him out. Witnes his hand Walsall Cobbie.

Mar. Craddock and Mar. Phipps desired to consult with some pson. who knowes the Country, whither the Three patternes which the Gunsmiths have left with their Names each upon his owne Gunns be good and propper for the Service of the Company and the Gunsmiths to attend againe on Munday next.

A Printed Copie of the Bond produced and approved.

Adjourned till Munday next.

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[1] Walter Farr (see *H.B.S.*, V, lix, 88, 89, 109, 114), who entered the Company's service as surgeon and apothecary in 1674. A.6/1, fo. 9, Governor and Committee to Farr, London, May 21, 1680, informing him that he had been appointed Deputy Governor in Hudson Bay under John Nixon at a salary of one hundred marks per annum.

[2] James Knight, who entered the Company's service in 1676, and whose journal from July 14 to September 13, 1717, has been edited by J. F. Kenney under the title: *The Founding of Churchill* (Toronto, 1932).

*Munday 2d February* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

N.S.
February 2,
1680

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Gor. | Mar. Letton |
| Sr. Chr. Wrenn | Mar. Phipps |
| Wm. Young Esqr. | Cololl. Meese |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Waymans |

Master Craddock and Mar. Letton Report the Patternes of Gunns brought in to the Committee by the Gunsmiths according to the Order of the 21 Currt. have been examined by themselves and an able Gunsmith of their acquaintance and they are found to be good and it is thereupon Ordered That Mar. Palmer Mar. Stacy Mar. Powell and Mar. Sanderson being the Foure Gunsmiths who have brought in the Patternes shall make each of them 24 Gunns of the 3 lengths demanded Vizt. 4 Foot, 4 & ½ and 5 Foot, Eight Gunns of each respective length and they are to Enter into Obligacions to the Company that if any of the Gunns now to be sent, or which are in the Country of their respective makeing shall be found unfit for Sale and shall be returned as faulty they shall take them and furnish good Gunns in the place of them.

There being 43 Gunns brought back this last Voyage from the Country Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddock are desired to view them and to Deliver them by such proporcions as they shall thinke fitt to the above mencioned Gunnsmiths to be repaired and made fitt for use.

Capt. Walker is Ordered to Deliver the *Colliton* Yaucht into the care of Walsall Cobby who is appointed Comander thereof.

The Coppie of the Bonds to be sealed by the Purchasers at the Sale being prepared by Mar. Hayward are approved of and the Preamble that is to be published before the lighting of the Candle is Agreed in the following words

3d Febry. 1679.

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Those who pay their Money for one whole Lott or more on or before the 19th Currant shall have 1 p. Ct. allowed them, But those who pay not as aforesaid are not to expect any allowance or Discount whatsoever.

And Mar. Hayward is Desired to Read both the Bond and the Preamble at the Sale and to fill up the Bonds and to take the firme and Seale of the Buyers.[1]

Agreed with Robert Carnor Ironmonger and hee is to furnish 300 hatchetts for the next Voyage at 10*d.* p. hatchett, and he hath Agreed if any of them shall prove unfitt for sale and shall be returned as such, hee is to take them and to furnish good in the place of the defective.

The Marke hee is to sett upon the Hatchetts is the Starr and Beaver.[2]

Adjourned to Wednesday next.[3]

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Those who Pay their Money for the Whole Lott or more on or before the 10th Currant[4] shall have 1 p. Ct. Allowed them but those who pay not as aforesaid are not to Expect any Allowance or Discount whatsoever.

And Mar. Hayward is Desired to Read both the Bond and Preamble at the Sale and to fill up the Bonds and to take the firme and Seale of the Buyers.

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[1] These two paragraphs appear on fo. 10d. of A.1/2. The correction is on fo. 11.

[2] No example of this early trade mark has as yet been found.

[3] The next meeting was held on Tuesday, February 3. The entry in A.1/3, fo. 13d., definitely states that a Committee was held on Tuesday, February 3.

[4] In A.1/3, fo. 13, the date is given as the "ninth Currant".

*The 3d February* 1679
*Present*

N.S.
February 3, 1680

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| Sr. James Hayes Dty. Govr. | Cololl. Meese |
| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mar. Letton |
| Wm. Young Esqr. | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Phipps |

This being the Day appointed for sale of the Cargo at Mar. Lettons house[1]

Ordered That it be Declared before the Sale that although by the Printed Bonds it is expressed that the First paymt. shall be within six dayes from the Date thereof yet it is since Resolved by this Committee that there shall be Foureteen dayes allowed, soe that those who pay their money for one whole Lott or more on or before the 17th of this instant February shall have One p. Cent allowed them but those that pay not as aforesd. are not to Expect any allowance or Discount whatsoever.

The Buyers are also to take notice that they are to have One pound Draught to be allowed upon each Lott, But noe other allowance whatsoever then what is above expressed.

The Sale then proceeded and the whole Cargo sold an Account thereof is ordered to be Entred at length in our Journall,[2] And after the Sale

Ordered That Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddock Mar. Waymans and Cololl. Meese doe take care to see the Beaver

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[1] *The Little London Directory of* 1677 lists " John Letton " as a merchant in " Turn-wheel-lane ". See Appendix B, p. 320. Harben, *Dictionary of London*, p. 595, " Turnwheel Lane. South out of Cannon Street and south and west to Dowgate Hill. In Walbrook and Dowgate Wards . . . Removed about 1865 for the erection of Cannon Street Station. . . ."

[2] See Appendix B, pp. 320–7.

Weighed and Delivered to the Buyers and in Order thereunto that they buy convenient Scales and Weights and that the respective buyers of Beaver or other Goods doe pay in the Money according to the tenor of their Bonds to Sr. Robert Cleyton Knt. Lord Mayor of London Treasurer for the Company and upon produceing of a Receipt each buyer shall have from any one of the Foure persons above named to receive such Quantities of goods as they have paid for.

N.S.
February 7, 1680

*Saturday 7th Febr.* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes Dty. Govr. | Wm. Younge Esqr. |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Letton | Sr. Christo. Wrenn |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Waymans |

Walsall Cobby Reports hee has recd. the *Colliton* Yacht into his Possession, and hee is directed to buy Shovells and Broomes to make her cleane and to bring in an Accot. the next Committee what is necessary to doe to her for the setting her out for the next Voyage.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Mar. William Walker the summe of 35*s.* 6*d.* in Discharge of what hee hath laid out at the Navy Office and Office of the Ordnance in the Delivering of the Shipp *John and Alexander* and the Gunns borrowed of his Maty. And to Mar. Waymans the Summe of 3 *li.* 14*s.* 8*d.* for the Dinner at the Stillyard[1] the day of the Sale, and to Mar. Yonge 10*s.* which he paid to Master Lettons Servants by the desire of the Committee for their reward for their trouble the day of the Sale And 40*s*. to Sr. James Hayes which he paid to Mar. Thatcher by a former Order of the Committee for his Attendance at Graves end and Writing severall things when the Shipps went last for Hudsons Bay.

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[1] The Steelyard quay, where the merchants of the Hanseatic League settled before the eleventh century, occupied the site of what is now Cannon Street Station. T. Pennant, *Some Account of London* (London, 1793), p. 352, states: "The name of this wharf is not taken from *Steel* the metal, which was only a single article, but from *Stael-hoff*, contracted from *Stapel-hoff*, or the general house of trade of the *German* nation."

That all the Members of the Committee who have had any of the Furrs last come home, doe pay the price they come to, to Colonll. Meese for the use and upon the Accot. of the Company.

Mar. Waymans Mar. Craddock Cololl. Meese and Mar. Letton are desired to looke out after a Shipp to be hired for the next Expedicion and to report their Opinions to the Committee.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

*Wednesday* 11*th Febry.* 1679 *At a Committee At the Golden Anchor in Cornehill*
*Present*

N.S.
February
11, 1680

Sr. Jams. Hayes Depty. Govr.
Willm. Younge Esqr.
Mar. Letton
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Phipps
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Waymans

Agreed that there shall be prepared a small Vessell to be sent in peeces the next Voyage to be sett up in the Country which is not to exceed Five and twenty Tunn And Mar. Craddock Mar. Letton Cololl. Meese and Mar. Waymans or any Three of them are to agree and take Order for the Speedy providing of the same.

Mar. Letton Mar. Craddock and Mar. Phipps haveing reported what Goods and Provisions they thinke necessary for the next Cargo, they have received the Allowance of the

Committee And Cololl. Meese and Mar. Waymans are added to those Three persons above named, And those Five or any Three of them are to take care of the provideing the Cargo for the next Voyage, and if they or any Three of them shall thinke fitt to add or take off from the Quantities mencioned in the Report wee offered it is fully submitted to them.

Mrs Bayley widd. of the late Governor haveing Delivered in her Accot. as Admstratrix. to her husband the Committee have thought fitt to referr the Consideracion thereof untill this day fortnight and then to give her an Answer and in the meane time Mar. Phipps and Mar. Craddock with the Assistance of Mar. Walker are to Examine Mar. Bayleys Accot. and to make Report thereof to the Committee.

Ordered That a Bill be Drawne upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to pay 40 *li.* to Mar. Francis Thompson being part of what is due from the Company to Mar. Merryhurst Ropemaker And to Mar. John Sellers[1] Compass maker 19 *li.* 3*s.*

Capt. Walker is to looke out for a Shipp fitt next Voyage and to make Report to the Subcommittee appointed.

Ordered that Cololl. Meese and Mar. Phipps doe attend Sr. Robert Cleyton Lord Mayor and Desire him to Discharge the Company of the Debt of 3200 *li.* which was borrowed the last yeare with the Interest thereof to the 12th Currant out of the Summes of money he hath recd. for the use of the Company.[2]

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

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[1] John Seller. See *H.B.S.*, V, 78, n. 2.

[2] See pp. 12, 37, 39–41.

*Wednesday* 18*th Febry.* 1679 *Att a Committee Present*

N.S. February 18, 1680

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Govr. | Mar. Letton |
| Wm. Young Esqr. | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Craddock | Sr. Christo. Wrenn |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Waymans |

Mr. Merryhurst the Ropemaker haveing recd. 40 *li.* by the hands of Mar. Francis Thompson in part of what was due to him from the Company by Order of the last Committee and there being due 5 *li.* 16*s.* to Mar. Walker Mar. Phipps desires that one Mar. Yong (a Creditor of Merryhurst) may have the remainder of what should appeare due to him he haveing as he alleadg'd promised him soe by Order of the Committee, But Mar. Hayward haveing as hee alleadged lent the sd. Merryhurst 30 *li.* upon the Creditt of what was due to him from the Company and producing an Assignemt. and Letter of Attorney to receive the same and Merryhurst haveing also given his Receipt for 41 *li.* odd money upon the Booke of Receipts in full at the Instance of Mar. Hayward, though the Accot. were not adjusted as it ought to have been by the Sub committee appointed for that purpose.

The thing was largly Debated to whome the remayning part of his Debt should be paid whether to the said Mar. Yong or to Mar. Hayward the consideracion thereof is adjourned to the next Committee and in the meane time Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddock the Sub Committee are desired to adjust the sd. Merryhursts Accounts.

Sr. Christopher Wrenn and Mar. Phipps are desired to attend the Ld. Major to know his resolution concerning the receiving of the Money he lent to the Compa. and they Report that hee refuses to receive his Money till June next when the yeare will be compleat from the time the Money was lent and advanced.[1]

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[1] See pp. 12, 36, 39–41.

Severall persons who had Letters of Atturney from some who serve the Company in Hudsons Bay attending the Committee for their Wages they are directed to come againe uponTuesday next at 9 a Clock in the Morning to the Committee roome where Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddock will examine the severall Letters of Attorney and what will be due to the respective persons who gave the Letters of Attorney upon whose Report they shall have Speedy satisfaccion.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon the Lord Major to pay to Mar. Pelling the Apothecary 61 *li.* and Mar. Pelling is to give a Receipt in full for the same upon the Booke of Receipts when the Order is delivered to him by Mr. Stone.

Cololl. Meese enforming that the severall Attachmts. heretofore brought agt. the Company in the name of James Clarke[1] were to come to Tryall to morrow, Mar. William Walker is desired to give notice thereof to his sonne our Atturney to the end he may take care of the same.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon the Lord Mayor to pay to Mar. William Mayo the Grocer the summe of Seaventeen pounds in full of all his Demands And to William Gaunt Tallowe Chandler three pounds thirteen shillings in full And to Mar. John Bembridge Salter for Pitch and Tarr 22*li.* in full of all his demands.

Hammond Sergt. of the Compter[2] came into the Committee Roome & Summond all the Committee psonally present which were the whole Committee except Mar. Waymans to make defence to the Attachmt. heretofore made at the Suite of James Clarke.

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[1] See pp. 18, 39, 56, 65, 70.

[2] Either the Wood Street Compter or the Poultry Compter. John Strype (ed.), *A Survey Of the Cities of London and Westminster . . . by John Stow . . .* (London, 1720), III, 50, " . . . the *Poultry Counter*, being the Prison belonging to one of the Sheriffs of *London*, for all such as are Arrested within the City and Liberties thereof. And besides this Prison, there is another of the same nature in *Woodstreet*, for the other Sheriff . . ."

Ordered That a Bill be Drawne upon the Lord Mayor to pay to Richd. Peck Blockmaker the Summe of 19 *li.* in full.

Adjourned to Thursday Morning.

After the riseing of the Committee All the Members thereof mett againe and Resolved as followeth

That Mar. Wilkinson and Mar. Byfeild the Furryers who sorted the late Cargo and made the Lotts for Sale haveing spent 12 Dayes therein shall have 20 Guyneys between them for their reward vizt. to each of them 10 Guyneys.

Ordered That the Sub Committee appointed to looke after the Shipping for the next Expedicion doe buy a small Vessell not exceeding 30 Tunn if such one may be found fitt for the Service, or otherwise that they forthwith doe agree to have a new Vessell of that burthen built And they are likewise to hire a Vessell of 120 Tonn or thereabouts for the next Voyage.

It being signified to the Comittee that James Clarke who lately served the Company in Hudsons Bay, was willing to enter againe into the Service with a Vessell of his which hee thought fit for it. Resolved that the said James Clarke shall not be hereafter Employed by the Company.

And adjourned as before.

N.S.
February
19, 1680

*Thursday* 19*th Febry.* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Waymans |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Phipps |

Whereas severall Members of the Company together with Sr. Robt. Cleyton Lord Mayor Treasurer for the said Company did formerly advance and lend severall Summes of Money for the Service of the Company Amounting to 3200 *li.*[1] in the Names of William Goulston[2] of London Esqr. and John Wyse[2] of London Merchant, And whereas by an Order of this Committee of the 11th Instant Cololl. Meeze and Mar. Phipps did attend his Lopp. with direction to make up the Interest of the said 3200 *li.* unto the 12th of this instant Febr. and to discharge the Company both of the said Principall and Interest It is now

Ordered That all such persons who have advanced and Lent Money as aforesaid and desire to take In their money according to the aforesaid Order may receive the same from his Lopp. who is hereby desired to pay them accordingly for the ease of the charge of the Company.[3]

Agreed with William Thackster Seaman and hee is to goe in the Service of the Company into Hudsons Bay under the Wages of 36*s.* p. Month. William Thaxter.

Whereas by the Report of Sr. Christo. Wrenn and Mar. Phipps Sr. Robert Cleyton Lord Mayor Treasurer for the Company hath refused to take in the Money by him formerly advanced and Lent for the Service of the Company upon the 12th of this instant according to the Desires made unto his Lopp. by them and his promise thereupon It is therefore

Ordered That Sr. Christo. Wrenn Mar. Craddock Cololl. Meese and Mar. Phipps or any two of them doe attend his Lopp. and Desire him to be soe favourable to the Company as to accept of the reward which he expects for the Loane of his money that it may be imediatly pd. him and the Company and their Charter[1] may be discharged of their Engagmt. to Mar. Goulston and Mar. Wise.

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[1] See pp. 12, 36, 37, 39, 41. According to A.14/3, fo. 74d., £3,250, not £3,200, was paid into the account of "Sr. Robert Clayton & John Morris Esqr." on June 29, 1679, by "Mr. John Wyse & Compa."

[2] William Goulston has not been identified, but John Wyse was probably the John Wise who bought £300 worth of the Company's stock from Sir Robert Clayton on November 5, 1684. (A.43/1, fo. 43d.) This amount was sold in July and August, 1688, by Wise's executors, Anne, his widow, and Sir Robert Clayton. (Ibid, fos. 64d.–65d.)

[3] See below.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

23*d Feb.* 1679

Memd. That a Bill was drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton to pay unto Cololl. Meese the Summe of Foure hundred pounds upon Accot. which Bill was Signed by

Sr. James Hayes Depty. Governor
Mar. Letton
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Waymans
Mar. Phipps

*Wednesday* 25*th Feb.* 1679 *Att a Comittee*
*Present*

N.S. February 25, 1680

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Govr. | Mar. Craddock |
| Colo. Meese | Wm. Young Esqr. |
| Mar. Letton | Sr. Chr. Wrenn |
| Mar. Phipps | Mar. Waymans |

Ordered That That a Bill be Drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton for the Payment of 77 *li.* 10*s.* to George Small Clothier.

Ordered That the Lott of Otterskinns which was sold to Thomas Jorden[2] at the publick Sale be removed from the Warehouse to Mar. Lettons house Sealed up in a Bagg and the rest of the Skinns which are pretended to be the Seamens[1] there to remaine till further order.

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[1] The charter of May 2, 1670, which was held by Sir Robert Clayton and his partner, Alderman John Morris, as security. See p. 56. The Charter was again used as security on the loan raised by the Company in 1681. See pp. 104, 106, 111.

[2] See Appendix B, p. 327.

Ordered That Colonll. Meese doe pay to Wm. James the Clerke the summe of Thirty shillings upon Accot.

And that 38 *li.* 8*s.* be paid by Bill upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton to Richard Mew the Baker in full of all Accote.

Capt. Walker haveing Delivered in his Accot. Ordered

That Mar. Craddock Mar. Letton and Mar. Phipps doe Examine the said Accot. and Report their opinion thereof the next Committee.

Mar. Conyers Fairfax haveing tendred his Service to the Company to serve in any of the Warehouses in the Country and haveing submitted himselfe to the Committee for Wages; they are pleased to sett him downe at 7 *li.* 9 *li.* and 12 *li.* for the first 3 yeares that being the Establishment wee have made upon others goeing in the same quality. Con. Fairfax.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Mar. Wilkinson and Mar. Bifeild the 20 Guys. which was formerly Ordered, and 5*s.* a peece to their respective Servants who assisted in the Warehouse And alsoe 15 *li.* to Mar. [Pircehurst][2] for the Rent of the Warehouse and to Wm. Bashford a Cooper who assisted in the Delivery of the Beaver at the Custome house 10*s.* for a gratuity.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton to pay unto Cololl. Meese 100 *li.* upon Accot.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

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[1] The proceeds of private trade. See *H.B.S.*, V, lvii–lxi.

[2] The name given in A.1/3, fo. 19d.

Memd. That the 2 th stant[1] an Order was drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton by Mar. Letton Cololl. Meese Mar. Craddock and Mar. Phipps for the paymt. of 73 *li.* to Richd. Mathew being for 10 peeces of Red Cloth at 7 *li.* 6*s.* p. peece which Order is allowed of. James Hayes Depty. Governor.

*Wednesday 3d March* 1679 *Att a Comittee*
*Present*

N.S.
March 3,
1680

Sr. James Hayes Dty. Govr.
Mar. Young
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Letton
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Waymans
Mar. Phipps

Master Hayward haveing produced a Letter of Attorney from Mar. Ferine a Member of the Company to Mar. Jacobson to sell and Dispose of his share of Three hundred pounds in the Stock of the Company[2] and a Receipt for Money paid to the said Mar. Theodore Jacobson vizt. 266 *li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Paid by Mar. Solomon Haugham for 200 *li.* Capitall in the Stock[3] And 133 *li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* paid by Mar. Peter Jackson for 100 *li.* Capitall in the Stock It is approved of and Direccions given that the same be Entred in the Booke of Assignements and that the Letter of Attorney be Entred in the Wast Journall[4] under the 27 February 1679.

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[1] The first part of this sentence has been partly erased, but in A.1/3, fo. 19d., the date is given as " 27th Instant ".

[2] A.43/1, (Book of Assignments), fo. 5d., 1675, Paul Ferine bought Sir Robert Vyner's holding of £300 stock. Ibid., fo. 21d., on February 21, 1680, Ferine's attorney, Theodore Jacobsen of London, merchant, assigned £200 stock to Solomon Hougham of London, merchant, and £100 stock to Peter Jackson of Eltham, Kent, gentleman. Ibid., fo. 22, March 12, 1680, Peter Jackson assigned his £100 stock to Nicholas Hayward.

[3] This is the earliest surviving record of the price of the Company's stock. See *H.B.S.*, V, xxxvi–vii.

[4] No trace of this " Wast ", or " waste Journall " as it is called in A.15/1, fo. 24, has been found.

Master Walker haveing produced a Letter of Attorney from Jno. Dew who is in the Service of the Company in the Bay for the Receipt of the Wages due to him, which is affirmed by Mar. Walker to be 32*s* p. Mensem (though noe such thing appeares upon our Bookee)

Ordered That the Sub. Committee appointed for the Payment of the Wages due make up the Accot. of the said John Dew and that Cololl. Meese doe pay to Mar. Walker what shall appeare to be due to him to the time of the Ship *John and Allexanders* coming out of the Bay Master Walker giveing his Receipt for the same and an Assurance under his hand to repay the same if any Legall clayme be made by any other person.

Ordered That a Bill be Drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay to Capt. Walker the Summe of Fifty pounds and that Mar. Waymans be added to the Sub. Committee named the last Committee day for the Examining the said Captains Accompte and any Two of them to be a Committee for that purpose.

Master Brian Norbury[1] haveing presented himselfe to serve the Company in Hudsons Bay for Two yeares It is now Agreed with him to serve there in such Quality as the Governor & Councell[2] there shall direct under the Wages of 9 *li.* the First and 12 *li.* the second yeare. Bryan Norbury.

Robert Monteth[3] a Scotchman and Sayler upon the *John & Allexander* the last Voyage being Drowned in his returne Martha Glandenin his Couzin on behalfe of his Mother Jane

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 7, "Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680", "... we recommend to your kind usage Mr. Bryan Norbury whose parents are persons of good value, and wee hope his ingenuity & faithfullness will appear to be such that he will deserve a good Character. He hath been entred in the Mathematicks, and hath a peculiar Genius for making of Landskips, wherein if he proves diligent he may be usefull to us."

[2] See p. 75 and n. 2.

[3] A.15/1, fo. 28, June 16, 1680, "Ship *John & Alexander* Dr. to Robert Mounteth Seaman for 6 months wages due to him at the time of his Drowning at 30/*s*. p. month £9."

Monteth coming to desire the payment of the Wages due to him

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay the same provided that the said Martha doe bring such security as Mar. Phipps doth know and shall approve off that in case it shall hereafter appeare that any other person hath right and title to receive the said wages that the same Shall be Repaid.

Capt. Cobby haveing delivered in a pticuler. of what is to be done to the *Colliton* Yaucht to fitt her for the next Expedicion

Ordered That Mar. Barham who built her shall by the Direccion of the said Capt. Cobby doe what is necessary to be done and Capt. Cobby is to see it pformed and to observe in all things the Direccion of the Sub Committee for the Shipping.

Agreed with Capt. Thomas Draper[1] and he is to take into his care and Command a small Vessell of 30 Tunn and to Sayle her into the Country and to Command her there till he shall be recalled by the Company or shall desire to returne in which case upon significacion of his desire to returne he shall have liberty to come home the next Voyage after notice given to the Committee the Wages he is to have is 50 *li.* p. Ann. and 10 *li.* over and above to sett him out, and he is to Enter into whole Pay as soone as he enters upon the Command of the said Vessell. Thomas Draper.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Sr. James Hayes the Depty. Governour the summe of Tenn pounds for Secrett Service.[2]

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[1] See Appendix B, pp. 336–7.

[2] The nature of this " Secrett Service " has not been discovered, but it was possibly in connection with intending interlopers in Hudson Bay, either French or English. A.6/1, fo. 5d., " Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680, . . . wee are informed there are designs already on foot of interloping ". Cf. Introduction, p. xxxv.

Ordered That Mar. Letton and Mar. Waymans be Added to the Sub. Committee to Examine Governor Bayly's Accompts which hath been delivered in by his Widowe Mrs. Bayly and to report their Opinion thereupon as soone as maybe.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

N.S.
March 10,
1680

*The* 10*th March* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Yonge |
| Sr. Chr. Wrenn | Cololl. Meese |
| Mar. Letton | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Cradock | Mar. Phipps |

Master Craddock and Mar. Letton in the name of the Sub Committee for the Shipping Report that they have hired a Shipp of one Capt. Greenoway called the *Prudent Mary*[1] Burden about 140 Tunn, but they have reduced the charges to 130 Tunn at 7 *li.* p. Tunn and he is to have 100 *li.* only by way of Imprest with a Gratuity of 30 *li.* upon his Returne, and true performance of the Covenants expressed in the Charter party.

Since the last Committee the Sub committee for Shipping have agreed with Mar. Barham junior to build a small Vessell for the Country to goe under the Command of Capt. Draper of about 40 tts. at the rate of 4 *li.* 10*s.* p. Tunn which Agreemt. is allowed of by this Committee.[2]

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Clayton to Pay 36 *li.* 6*s.* to Mar. Hayward in full payment of what is due to Mar. Merryhurst Ropemaker out of which summe Mar.

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[1] According to A.6/1, fo. 11d., the terms of the charter party stipulated that the *Prudent Mary* should " quitt the Bay " by September 26, 1680, and make her " best way home from thence ".

[2] The ship to be known as the *Albemarle*. See pp. 53, n. 1, 55, 56, 57.

Hayward is to pay upon the Receipt thereof 5 *li.* 16*s.* to Mar. William Walker Goldsmith which was due to the said Mar. Walker by the said Merryhurst.

John Brownson late Gunner of the *John and Allexander* being proposed to serve as Mate on Board the *Colliton* Yaucht under the Comand of Capt. Cobby

It is agreed with him that hee goes in the Service of the Company under the Wages of 50*s.* p. Mensem.

Signed John Brownson.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Mate Cobby Five pounds upon Accot. and 40*s.* to the said John Brownson.

That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton to pay unto Francis Barham Junior the summe of 55 *li.* which is in full of all thats due to him to this time And 32 *li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Sr. James Hayes upon Accot. of Mar. John Bredgar.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Richard Pascall 20*s.* upon Account.

Robert Machin informing this Committee that one John Machin who is in the Service of the Company in the Country under the Wages of 6. 9 & 12 *li.* p. Annum is his Apprentice and for the proofe thereof hath produced his Indenture and upon the Examining of what is due to him it appeares there is only 8 *li.* 10*s.* to the 21 September last

Ordered That 6 *li.* of the said Wages shall be paid by Colonell Meese to the said Robert Machin and the rest to be laid out by Mar. William Walker to be sent to the said John Machin into the Country, and the Indenture is to be Lodged with the Committee.

Agreed With John Funter to goe into Hudsons Bay to serve the Company as a Carpenter on Board Capt. Cobby under the

Wages of 30*s.* p. Mensem and 40*s.* is given him as a gratuity which Cololl. Meese is to pay. This Agreement is made by the consent of John Baynes to whome the said Funter is an Apprentice and the said Wages is to be paid to his Master.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

N.S.
March 17,
1680

*The 17th March* 1679/80 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Sr. Chris. Wrenn |
| Willm. Younge Esqr. | Mar. Letton |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Phipps | Mar. Weymans |

Ordered That a Note be drawne upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to pay to Greenoway a Cloth drawer for 10 peeces of Duffeilds[1] 28 *li.* 5*s.* And to Mar. Carrington a Laceman for 16 Gro. of St. Martins Lace[2] 18 *li.*

And to Mar. Thomas Phipps for the wages of Robert Monteth Deced. 7 *li.* 10*s.*

Agreed with Mar. Robert Sanson who comes recomended by Mar. Yonge and he is to goe into the Bay to serve the Company there under the Wages of 6 *li.* 9 *li.* & 12 *li.* p. Ann. for the first 3 yeares. Signd. Robt. Sanford.

Capt. Draper haveing Desired he may have a Servt. on board the Vessell he is to Command it is allowed of.

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[1] Duffel. A.15/1, fo. 26, March 17, 1680, "for mo. pd. Richard Greenway p. Jno. Rason in full for 10 Duffalls qt. 339½ at 20*d.* p. yard £28. 5. – [sic]." Cf. *H.B.S.*, V, 124, n. 1.

[2] Strype, *Survey Of the Cities of London and Westminster*, III, 121, "*Round Court* [St. Martin's le Grand] . . . hath a passage into *Blow-bladder Street*, which is taken up by Milleners, Sempstresses, and such as sell a sort of Copper Lace, called *St. Martin's Lace*, for which it is of Note."

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton to pay to Mosely the Taylor 20 *li.* upon Accot.

Capt. Walkers Accot. haveing been taken into consideracion by the Sub Committee for Accots. It is presented as theire Opinion that he ought to be Allowed whole pay at the rate of 200 *li.* p. Ann. only from the time he hath possession of the *John and Allexander* and to the time of the Delivering up of the said Shipp into the King's hande But upon consideracion That the said Capt. Walker did quit a good Employment to come into the Service of the Company & served them with extraordinary diligence and fidility and is now destitute of all Employment by our haveing entertayned and hired another Ship and Comandr. into the Service It is Agreed that he shall have full pay by way of Gratuity from his first entring into the Service together with the odd money of 11 *li.* 7. 5*d.* which wth. his allowed Accot. makes up the even summe of 150 *li.* for wch. it Ordered that a Bill be Drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton And he is to have his Bond he gave at the begining of the last expedicon DD. to him Cancelled wch. is done accordingly.[1]

Adjourned till Saturday next.

*Saturday* 20*th March* 1679 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

N.S. March 20, 1680

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Sr. Chr. Wrenn | Mar. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Waymans |

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robert Cleyton for the paymt. of 500 *li.* to Cololl. Meese and to Mar. John Stone the summme of 15 *li.* upon Accot. for his Service as the Secry. and Accomptant of the Company.

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[1] The Minutes Book, A.1/3, fo. 23, contains the following additional entry: "Ordered that Coll. Meese doe pay unto Richard Pascalls wyfe 10*s.* upon account."

Whereas Mar. Letton Cololl. Meese and Mar. Craddock as the Sub-Committee for the Shipping have agreed with one Capt. Greenoway Comander of the *Prudent Mary* on the behalfe of the Company for his goeing upon the next expedicion for Hudsons Bay and have Entred into a Charterpty. with him accordingly

It is now Ordered that the Company Shall save them harmelesse and indempnified to all intents and purposes as well by the Stock as by the Charter of the Company of and from the Covenants and Agreements entered into by them either with the said Greenoway Or with any other Comander in case he failes to proceede in the Voyage.

Mr. Stones wages being now taken into consideracion It is agreed that hee shall receive after the rate of 25 *li.* p. anum from his first entring into the Service of the Company Provided hee makes up all our Accomptes from the time he first entred into the Service, and if hee shall alsoe perfect the former Accots. to the Satisfaccion of the Comittee he shall have a pticuler gratuity for his extraordinary paines therein and he shall have libty. upon Midsommer next to Leave our Service.

Sr. James Hayes being to goe for some time into the Country he has at the request of the Comittee with the consent of Sr. Christo. Wrenn nominated him to be Depty. Governor in his Absence.

Thoms. Gorst[1] haveing presented himselfe to the service of the Company the consideracion thereof is referred to the next Committee.

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[1] For a biography of Thomas Gorst see *H.B.S.*, V, 230, and for his "Journall in the Voyage to Hudsons Bay begun the 31th day of March 1670" see G. L. Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness. Médard Chouart, Sieur des Groseilliers and Pierre Esprit Radisson*, 1618–1710 (New York, 1943), pp. 286–92.

Ordered That Mar. Cradock & Mar. Craddock and Mar. Phips doe attend the Lord Mayor and Desire him to deliver up that Security now given him for money borrowed.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

*Wednesday* 24*th March* 1679/80 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

N.S. March 24, 1680

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Sr. Chro. Wrenn | Mar. Craddock |
| Wm. Yonge Esqr. | Mar. Phipps |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Waymans |

Sr. James Hayes haveing not yet left the Towne tooke the charge of the Committee againe.

Mar. Letton Cololl. Meese and Mar. Craddock Report that Capt. Greenway had of late appeared uncertaine in his Resolucions of goeing in the Service of the Company according to his Contract, but that now they had made a perfect and firme agreemt. with him and that hee was chearfull in undertakeing the Voyage and that the Charterpty. was agreed upon between them and that Mar. Martin James a Part Owner of the Vessell who alsoe is to signe the Charterparty hath concurred in the Agreement.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton for the payment of 100 *li.* to Capt. Greenway being the Money which is to be advanced to him by way of Imprest, but the Bill is to remaine in the hand of Cololl. Meese till Capt. Greenway hath Sealed the Charterpty., and then to be Delivered to him upon his signing a Receipt in the Book of Receipts.

Ordered That that a Bill be Drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton for the Payment of Eighty pounds to Daniell Kingston Brazier for 300 Kettles hee hath Delivered for the use of the Company the next Expedicion.

Thos. Gorst haveing made his Demands upon what Rate hee would serve the Company; vizt. for 50*s.* p. Mensem and to have a yeares Wages by way of advance, the Demands are thought too high and he is dismist his attendance.

Agreed with Samuell Bincks and he is to goe into the Bay with Capt. Cobby and to remaine with him there under the Wages of 18 *li.* p. Ann. and hee is to have 20*s.* by way of Gratuity in stead of halfe pay before the Shipp Sayles and he hath leave to goe into the Country to his Freinds for 3 Weekes and after his returne to assist the Capt. in the fitting the Shipp.

Samll. Bincks.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

March 31, 1680

*The 31th of March* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mar. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Letton | Mar. Young |

Mar. Frampton appearing for a Debt for Tobacco of 3 yeares standing and his name not being found in the Bookes and he alleading Sr. James Hayes knew it, hee was desired to come againe at Sr. James's returne.

Ordered That a Bill be Drawne to pay Esqr. Neile for Beare &c. 39 *li.* 18*s.* and take his Acquittance.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne to pay Mar. Stephenson for Cloth &ca. 49 *li.* 14*s.* and take his Acquittance.

Ordered That Capt. Draper and Capt. Cobbie doe view the *John and Allexander* stores applying themselves to Mar. Elie[1] to see what Tackle and Municion in the Stores of the same may be fitt for their use and Mar. Elie is desired to sell the remaindr. and give Accot. of the same to the Committee.

Samuell Oakes is allowed to come home if hee thinke fitt his Sister appearing and assureing the Committee that hee desired it.

The Accot. Drawne up by the Sub Committee relating to Mar. Bayly was Delivered to Mrs. Bayly.

Ordered That Mar. Stone give a Coppie of the Stores in the *Collition* Yatch to Capt. Cobbie and Coppies of all the Stores in the *John and Allexander* both to Capt. Draper and Capt. Cobby.

Agreed with Michaell Grimington to goe in the service of the Company to Hudsons Bay this next Voyage with Capt. Draper in the *Albemarle*[2] under the Wages of Thirty shillings p. Month. Michaell Grimington.

Agreed then with Edward Westell to goe in the service of the Company to Hudsons Bay the next Voyage as Mate in the *Albemarle* under the wages of Forty foure shillings p. Month, and the Company agree to advance one Months wages Capt. Draper being security for his goeing the voyage.

Edward Westell.

Agreed then with Richard Stretton Seaman to goe in the Service of the Company to Hudsons Bay in the *Albemarle* under the wages of Thirty eight Shillings p. Mensem. Richard Stretton.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

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[1] Edward Ely, ships' husband.

[2] The new ship built by Francis Barham. See pp. 46, n. 2, 55, 56, 57. George Monk, first Duke of Albemarle, was one of the original adventurers (see *H.B.S.*, V, 240–1): his son, Christopher, the second Duke, (ibid., p. 239) was still an adventurer at this time, but he took no active part in the Company's affairs.

April 7, 1680

*Aprill the 7th* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. Christo. Wren | Mar. Phippe |
| Mar. Young | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Letton | Mar. Weymans |

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Clayton to pay Mar. Browning[1] for halfe yeares house Rent 12 *li.* 10*s.*

Agreed with Nicholas Johnson Seaman to goe in the Service of the Company to Hudsons Bay this next Voyage with Capt. Cobbett undr. the Wages of Thirty shillings p. Month.

The Marke of **K** Nicho. Johnson.

Mrs. Bayly appeared and gave in a Paper of such Receipts as she would owne and Desired a time when the Committee would adjust her Accompt and Mar. Craddock Mar. Waymans Mar. Letton and Mar. Phipps or any Two of them are Desired to meet on Tuesday Sennight at Three a Clock in the afternoone to consider the Accompt and to adjust it and Mar. Walker is Desired to be present.

Adjourned till Wednesday Easter weeke.

April 14, 1680

*Aprill 14th* 1680
*Present*

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| Sr. Chr. Wren | Mar. Phipps |
| Colonll. Meese | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Letton | |

A Bill Drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay George Small Clothier 65 *li.* 5*s.* for 9 peeces of Stroad water Reds.[2]

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[1] John Browning, the proprietor of the Golden Anchor in Cornhill. See p. 7, n. 1.

[2] A coarse woollen cloth taking its name from the town of Stroud,

A Bill drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay Mar. Edward Elie 50 *li.* for Disbursments upon the *Albemarle* (intended to be soe called) and the *Colliton* Yatcht for which he is to be Accomptable.

Ordered that a Bill be Drawne to pay Rowland Pert and Anthony Acrod one hundred and fifty pounds upon Account of Beefe and Pork delivered being in part of a Larger Bill to be further Examined in regard it was miscast and they were Desired to bring a Note of the Weight attested by the persons who sawe it weighed, and then to be paid the remainder A Bill was drawn accordingly upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to pay One hundred and fifty pounds.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

*Aprill* 21 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

April 21, 1680

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| Sr. Christo. Wren | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Younge | Mar. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Phipps |

An Order Drawne to Capt. Walker to Deliver to Mar. Elie the Keyes of the Warehouses with the Stores that came out of the *John and Alexander.*

Rowland Pert and Anthony Akerood brought in their Accot. attested and were Ordered Twenty two pounds six Shillings in full for Beefe & Porke.

Mary Dalton Peticioning that her husband in the Bay might come home her Peticion is allowed if hee desire it.

A Warrant upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to pay Francis Barham

Gloucestershire. Stroud had long been a centre of cloth manufacture, and its water was said to have a peculiar property for fixing scarlet and other grain colours.

Shipright One hundred pounds part of what hee is to have for the new Vessell intended to be called the *Albemarle*.

A Note drawne upon Cololl. Meese to pay Mar. Richard Lucas a Bill of Exchange from Hugh Conway being Seaven pounds.

Upon Peticion of Ruth Clerke that her sonn Samuell Huxford might come home from the Bay It is Ordered That hee may returne if he please.

A Letter was writt to my Lord Mayor to desire him to permit our Patent to be produced in Court upon occasion of the Tryall at Guildhall[1] about the Attachments, and that hee would Deliver it to Mar. Craddock or send it by his Servant.

Adjournd. to Wednesday Next.

April 28, 1680

*Aprill* 28 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

Sr. Christo. Wren
Mar. Younge
Mar. Letton
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Phipps
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Weymans

Mar. Walker desireing that a speedy day might be appointed for a finall Determination of Mrs. Baylies affaire it was resolved by reason Sr. James Hayes hath appointed to be in Towne on Saturday next, that Sr. James Hayes shall be desired to appoint a short day upon his first convenience after his Arivall on purpose for this affaire and Mrs. Bayley or Mar. Walker for her are desired to prepare all vouchers and Papers necessary in Order to a finall conclusion.

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[1] See pp. 18, 38, 39, 65, 70. Wheatley, *London Past and Present*, II, 169–72. London's Guildhall in the ward of Cheap, was probably in existence at least as early as the twelfth century. It was rebuilt in 1411, and the front towards King Street was injured in the Great Fire of 1666, but afterwards restored. The substitute erected in 1789 from the designs of George Dance, the younger, suffered heavy damage during the air attack on London on the night of December 29, 1940.

Mar. Walkers Accounts[1] of Receipts and Disbursements for the 5 or 6 last yeares signed by his owne hand and produced at the Board was Delivered to the Clerke by Mar. Craddock; Mar. Walker demanded it againe as his Account; it was the sence of the Committee Nemine contradicente that the said Account belonged properly to the Committee, and that Mar. Cradock had done right to the Company in soe doeing And it is Ordered That a true Coppie of the said Accot. be drawne by the Clerke and compared and signed by him and Delivered to Mar. Walker.

Ordered That for the Wages of Ordinary Seamen the Compa. will not exceed 24*s*. or 26*s*. p. Mensem according to merritts, and Capt. Draper and Mar. Cobbit are ordered to prepare the persons they bring with our resolucions, not to spend time at the Board.

A Bill drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay Robert Williamson for 10 Fodder[2] 3C. 2qrs. 9li. of Lead to be cast into Drop shott and Mould shott at 9 *li*. 14*s*. p. Fodder Amounting 98 *li*. 15*s*.

Ordered that the *Albemarle* be Launched upon Tuesday next

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[1] These accounts have not been traced.

[2] B. Webb (ed.), *The Negociator's Magazine: or the Most Authentic Account yet published, of the Monies, Weights, and Measures . . . by Richard Hayes* (London, 1764), p. 210, " LEAD WEIGHT. Lead is sold by the Fodder, and a Load is 175 lb.

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| A Fodder at *London* weighs | 19½ Ct. Wt. | 112 lb. to the Ct. |
| at *Newcastle* – | 21 – – | |
| at *Stockholm* – | 22 – – | |
| at *Hull* – – | 19½ Ct. Stannery Wt.<br>of 120 lb. to the Ct." | |

the 4th of May against the Gunn Taverne[1] in Wapping, to meet in Barhams yard at 12 a Clock.

Capt. Greenway desireing the 60 *li.* at present which would be due by the Charter 10 Dayes before his goeing to Graves-end the Committee are willing to gratify him in, and a Warrant was drawne accordingly.

Ordered a Gratuity to the Maid for Sweeping the Roome of 20*s.* by Cololl. Meese.

Adjourned to Tuesday next 11 a Clock to meet and goe to the Launching.

*On the same Aprill 28th after adjournement*

Agreed then with Richard Mackarell Carpenter to goe in the Service of the Company to Hudsons Bay for Two yeares at the rate of 9 *li.* & 12 *li.* this next voyage. Richard Mackerell.

Agreed then with Geo. Bilton Seaman to goe next Voyage in the Service of the Company with Capt. Draper under the Wages of 28*s.* p. Mensem. the mark of George **B** Bilton.

Adjourned as before.

*On the same Aprill 28th still after adjournment*

Agreed then with Nicho. Traversado Seaman to goe this Voyage with Capt. Cobbie in the Service of the Company at the Wages of 26*s.* p. Mensem. Nicholas Traversado.

Agreed then with Jacob Robinson Seaman to goe this Voyage with Capt. Cobbie in the Service of the Company for the Wages of 24*s*. p. Mensem and to pay him Two Months pay a fortnight after he has been at Sea. Jacob Robeson.

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[1] J. H. Burn, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the London Traders, Tavern, and Coffee-House Tokens Current in the Seventeenth Century presented to the Corporation Library by Henry Benjamin Hanbury Beaufoy* (London, 1855), p. 253, "1238 AT THE GUNN TAVERN—A mounted field-piece, between three fleurs-de-lis. *Rev.* IN WAPIN. 1648—In the field, H.B.H." Wapping is on the Middlesex bank of the Thames, two miles east south east of St. Paul's.

Capt. Cobbies boy is allowed 13*s*. p. Month and to be considerd the next yeare as he deserves.

For my servant Gilbert Hopkins Walsall Cobbie.

Adjourned as before.

*May the 4th* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

May 4, 1680

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Sr. Christo. Wren | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Young | Mar. Phipps |

Ordered That Mar. Letton be desired to buy an Iron bound Chest with 3 Locks and Keyes wherein the Pattent and seale[1] of the Company and such other things as shall be thought fitt by the Comittee may be lodged, of which Keyes the Deputy f now [sic] and for the time being shall allwaies have the keeping of the principall key and the others to be disposed of as the Committee shall think fit.

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[1] *H.B.S.*, V, 133, "The Royal Charter Incorporating the Hudson's Bay Company, A.D. 1670", "... that the said Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Tradeing into Hudsons Bay and theire successors may have a Common Seale to serve for all the causes and busnesses of them and theire Successors and that itt shall and may bee lawfull to the said Governor and Company and their Successors the same Seale from tyme to tyme at theire will and pleasure to breake change and to make a new or alter as to them shall seeme expedient ..." The next surviving reference to the seal is for January 4, 1671 [N.S.], when Sir James Hayes was reimbursed for paying Mr. Harris £7 for cutting "the Publick seale of the Company". (Ibid., p. 171.) This seal, like another bought from Mr. Henry Harris for £5. 9*s*. 2*d*. in 1676 (A.14/2, fo. 77), was probably a large one. The first reference to the device used is found amongst the accounts for May 28, 1678 (A.15/1, fo. 13), when "Mr. Thomas Phipps pd. for a small Seale with the Companyes Armes to Seal up their Goods at the Factory 18*s*." The coat of arms is still the device used on the Company's seal. See also p. 76, n. 2.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to pay unto Mar. Robert Curtis One hundred and seaven pounds foure shillings for Flower Pease and Oatmeale.

Adjourned till tomorrowe afternoone.

May 5, 1680

*May the 5th* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Phipps |
| Sr. Christo. Wren | Mar. Younge |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Waymans |

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Cleyton to pay to Mar. Geo. Small 38 *li.* for Cloth.

Mrs. Bayly came to the Committee and an Accot. was produced by the Sub-Committee appointed to Examine the Accot. between her late husband and the Compa. and it appearing thereby that Mar. Bayly was indebted to the Company, It is proposed shee should appoint some pson who she can trust to meet the Committee and to state the Accot.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Clayton to pay to Mar. Samll. Austin Nett maker the summe of Thirty eight pounds.

Ordered and Agreed at the instance of Mrs. Bayly that before the Shipp goe off the next voyage shee shall have an Order from the Committee for the sending home of all such things in the Country which belong to her husband and were left behinde him at his coming away.

Mar. Abell the Atturney of Mar. Nixon came to demd. after the rate of 40 *li.* p. Ann. since his goeing from hence and he is Ordd. to come to the Comittee the next Committee day with another person who is joyned wth. him in the Letter of Atturney.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay Mrs. Phebe Spry 10 *li.* upon the Letter of Isaac Reed from the Bay and the Letter to be kept as our Voucher.

Ordered That 3 Chartes [1] of the Bottome of the Bay be dispos'd as followeth One to Capt. Draper, One to Capt. Cobby and the Third be reserved for the use of the Company or delivered as they shall hereafter direct.

Adjourned to Friday next.

*May the 7th* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

May 7, 1680

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Younge | Mar. Letton |

Richd. Pascalls wife attending for her husbands Wages and to know what the Company will determine concerning him, Resolved hee shall be dismissed of the service of the Company; and his Accompt being made up he shall have what shall appear to be due to him.

Ordered To drawe a Bill upon Sr. Robert Cleyton for 64 *li.* 18*s.* to Edward Helder Bricklayer for 34000 Tyles; 6000 Bricks; 240 Ridge Tyles, 40 bundles Lathes and 9 Bushells Tyle pins.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Thomas Garland the summe of Tenn pounds upon Accot. of his wages.

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[1] These charts have not been traced. They were presumably the work of John Thornton. See p. 62.

Henry George presented himselfe to goe into the Country as an Edge toole Maker and Offers his service at xx *li.* p. Ann. and is put off till Wednesday next.

That Mar. Elye doe veiw the Sayles in the hands of Mar. Joyce and give an Accot. thereof to the Committee.

Ordered that a Bill be drawne upon Cololl. Meese to pay to John Thorneton[1] Mapmaker the summe of 8 *li.* in full for his worke & hee is to fill up the Names of the Rivers &c. into the Bargaine wthout. defaceing the worke.

Ordered that a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Clayton to pay 56 *li.* to Mar. John Lyons Shottmaker for Casting of 10 Fodder of Lead shott and Bulletts with 400 Barrells and Bags to putt them in, And alsoe for the new Casks and new Baggs for 76 Barrells and Baggs which were Returned in the *Colliton* Yautcht, together with the Customes thereof.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

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[1] John Thornton, at one time hydrographer at the sign of England, Scotland and Ireland, and later at the Platt in the Minories, who, in the issue of the *London Gazette*, No. 758, of February 20–24, 1673, advertised for sale his "*new Map of the North part of* America, *from Hudson Streights*, commonly called the *Northwest* passage, unto Prince *Ruperts* River, shewing its bearings from *new-France*, *new-England* &c." None of his work survives in the archives of the Hudson's Bay Company. The parchment Thornton map (British Museum Additional Mss. 5414.20) noted by Miss Nute in *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 360, may possibly be the map referred to in the above resolution, but no confirmation can be obtained as the British Museum manuscripts have not yet been returned from their war-time home.

*Att a Committee* *Munday* 10*th May* 1680
*Present*

May 10, 1680

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Waymans |
| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mr. Phipps |
| Mr. Younge | Cololl. Meese |
| Mr. Letton | Mr. Craddock |

Ordered That Mar. Joyce the Sayle maker doe provide a Maine Sayle for the Shipp *Rupert* to be sent this voyage.

That an Order be drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay to Mar. Barham 50 *li.*

Sr. Christo. Wren haveing been desired to overlooke and correct the forme of an Oath to be given to those who shall enter into the service of the Company, hath produced it to this Committee who have allowed of the same and Mar. Hayward is desired to gett severall Coppies of the same printed that they may be bound up together and every particuler person may signe his particuler paper.

Ordered That Governor Bayly's Instructions and advice wch. he left with Governor Nixon, and whereof Governor Nixon sent home a Copy the Last Voyage, may be entred in the Booke of Letters Inward.[1]

The Sub-committee for Shipping are desired to prepare for the use of the Shipp *Rupert* according to the desires of Capt. Powers[2] last Letter some Cannon powder, some Cartridg paper, some Match, 50 yards of Canvas to repaire the Sayles, One Barrell of Tarr, some small Cordage and 3 Dipsy Lines.[3]

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[1] This book has not survived, neither has the original of Bayly's instructions and advice.

[2] Captain Richard Power. See Appendix C, pp. 340–1.

[3] Presumably deep-sea lines. W. Burney (ed.), *A New and Universal Dictionary of the Marine . . . compiled by W. Falconer* (London, 1830), " *Deep-*

Sr. James Hayes is desired to prepare some Answer to the severall Letters that came the last voyage for the Companies Servants in the Bay and to present them to the next Committee.

Mar. Letton is desired to take care to send a Coppie of the last Letters which the Committee wrote to Mar. Ekins to Scilly and to gett Alderman Bence to enclose it in a Line or two from himselfe.[1]

Adjourned to Thursday next 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.

May 13, 1680

*Att a Committee Thursday* 13*th May* 1680
*Present*

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes Depty. Govr. | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Yong | Mar. Phipps |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Letton | |

Upon the applicacion of severall persons on behalfe of some of the Servts. of the Company who are now in the Bay that they may have liberty to send some necessaries for them which they have sent for It is consented unto for this time provided that what they send may be inspected and allowed of by one of the Sub-Committee for the Shipping Whose Warrt. to Capt. Greenway Comander of the *Prudent Mary* shall be a sufficient Authority to him to receive them And Mar. Phipps is appointed to be the person who shall for this time View and give his Warrant as aforesaid.

Mar. Walker the Attorney his servant attended this Committee desiring to know their pleasures concerning the Accions under his Managemt. against the Ensurer that hath forborne to pay

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*Sea* Line (*ligne de sonde*, Fr.) a long line marked at every five fathoms with small strands of line knotted. It is used with the deep-sea lead."

[1] See pp. 8–12. It will be seen from *H.B.S.*, V, 117n. that Alderman John Bence disposed of his Hudson's Bay Company's stock in 1679.

what he underwritt,[1] and he haveing informed that they are ready to goe to a Tryall the 22th of this Month, he is directed to proceed in that Accion. As alsoe with the Attachmts. made by Mar. Clarke [2] the Pattent of the Company being ready in the hand of Sr. James Hayes to be produced at the Tryalls.

Mr. Mason coming on the behalfe of Mrs. Bayly that her Accot. might be settled the consideracion thereof is by his consent adjourned till the Shipps are gone.

Capt. Draper

Oredered To drawe a Bill upon Cololl. Meese to pay to Capt. Draper 10 *li.* advanced to him as a gratuity to fitt him to Sea according to an Order of the 3d of March last.

Plant & Abell Atturney of Nixon

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Coll. Meese to pay unto the Assignees to Thomas Plant and John Abell the Attorneys of Governor Nixon the summe of Twenty pounds upon Account.

Tho. Coleman

Agreed with Mar. Thomas Coleman Smith to goe into the Country of Hudsons Bay in our service and there to serve for 3 yeares under the Wages of 30*s*. p. Month his Wages to begin from his Arrivall in the Bay hee is to have 2 Months Wages advanced in part of his Wages and his wife to have halfe his Wages in his absence. Thomas Coleman.

Richd. Strutton

Agreed with Mar. Richard Strutton Shipp Carpenter to goe into the Bay for Two yeares under the Wages of 9 *li.* the first and 12 *li.* the second yeare. Richd. Strutton.

Adjourned to Satterday 9 a Clock.

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[1] The defaulting underwriter was Mark Proudfoot. Cf. pp. 70, 152, 157. The insurance was in respect of the voyage of the *Shaftesbury* from Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland, to London in 1678. According to A.15/1, fos. 14d. and 19d., a premium of £65 was paid to a Mr. Borne on December 18, 1678, and on May 30, 1679, Sir Robert Clayton was " Dr. To Profit & Loss . . . for the . . . Sumes pd. in to him by the Severall Insuers . . .". These sums amounted to £2,252, Mark Proudfoot's share being £39. Among the underwriters were Sir James Hayes, Thomas Phipps and William Walker. The *Shaftesbury* was wrecked off the Scilly Islands in 1678. See p. 8, n. 1.

[2] See pp. 18, 38, 39, 56, 70.

May 15, 1680

*Att a Committee Satturday* 15*th May* 1680
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Cololl. Meese |
| Mar. Letton | Mar. Craddock |

Sr. James Hayes brought the Originall Pattent of the Company and it is Ordered That it be putt into the great Trunke in the Committee Roome untill Mar. Letton hath bought an Iron chest according to former Order.

Hee likewise produced a Journall of Capt. Guillams[1] with his Instruccions for our Sayling this voyage which is to be delivered to Capt. Greenway for his direccion and hee is to give an Obligacion to returne it to the Company againe at the end of the voyage And Coppies of the same Instruccions which are brought by James Hayes are to be given to Capt. Draper and Capt. Cobby.

Ordered That one Quarter Caske of Brandy shall be bought by Cololl. Meese which is to be putt on Board Capt. Greenway for the use of his Shipps Company and passengers in the voyage.

Mar. Ely the husband Reports that hee hath in pursuance of the Direccions of Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddock (which Orders are hereby allowed of) bought and provided for the Shipp *Rupert* (besides the Maine Sayle which was formerly Ordered for her) a foresayle a fore Top sayle a Mayne top sayle and a Mizon made out of the Sayles of the *John & Alexander*, Hee hath alsoe bought a Tunn of Cordage of all sizes fitt for Rigging, And an Ancor of 5 Cwt. and a Cable of Eight Inches.

Adjourned till Munday next 3 a Clock afternoone.

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[1] Captain Zachariah Gillam. For a biography see *H.B.S.*, V, 226–30. There are none of Captain Gillam's journals in the Hudson's Bay Company's archives, but " A Breviate of Captain Zachariah Gillam's Journal to the North-West, in the Nonsuch-Catch, in the Year 1668 " is printed in John Seller, *The English Pilot. The Fourth Book. The First Part* (London, circa 1675), pp. 5–9.

*Att a Committee May 17th 1680*
*Present*

May 17, 1680

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| Sr. Chr. Wren | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Letton | Cololl. Meese |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Younge |

According to a former Order upon request of Mrs. Bayly it is now againe Ordered That Governor Nixon or the Governor for the time being doe send home all the proper Goods of the late Governor Bayly which doe not appertaine to the Company and that they be Consigned to the Committee of the Company together with a particular of the said Goods to the end that such as they shall find to be the proper Goods of the late Governor may be Delivered by the Committee to his widowe.

Agreed then with Robt. Honycombe Miner to goe in the service of Hudsons Bay Company att the rate of 15 *li.* p. Ann. for 3 yeares unles the Company thinke fitt to send for him sooner.
Robt. Honycombe.

Agreed then with John Keagle Miner to goe in the service of Hudsons Bay Company att the rate of 10 *li.* p. Ann. for 3 yeares unless the Company thinke fitt to send for him sooner and they allowe him 20*s.* over and above by way of advance.
the marke of John K Keagle

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay to Robt. Honycombe 3 *li.* by way of Advance and as part of his wages And to John Keagle the aforesd. 20*s.*, and 40*s.* more as advance in of Wages.

Ordered Mar. Phipps doe send a Board 5 qrter. of Mault to the *Albemarle.*

Mar. Ely to take care to buy one hundred of good Deales to be sent a Board the *Albemarle.*

Mar. Letton to Deliver 4 Dressed Mouse skins to Thos. Garland to make Snowe Shooes.

Mar. Haywood to have a Moose Skinn for his Snowe shooes and Cololl. Meese the like for his.

An Order Drawne that Capt. Greenway receive on board Thos. Coleman Smith.

An Order drawne upon Mar. Silvester to deliver Mar. Letton the Kettles which were returned by the *Colliton* yatcht.

Adjourned till to morrowe 3 afternoone.

May 18, 1680

*Att a Committee* 18*th May* 1680
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Letton | Cololl. Meese |

The Instruccions[1] prepared for Governor Nixon and Capt. Cobby were read and the Substance of the Instructions for Capt. Draper were directed, which Sr. James Hayes is desired to prepare against to morrowe.

Robert Honycombe and John Keagle[2] who were agreed with yesterday coming to the Committee and Demanding to enter into full pay imediatly, they have been refused, and have thereupon with drawne from the Service.

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[1] The original instructions are not in the Company's archives, but a copy "Dated at London this 21st day of May 1680" and headed: "Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680" is in A.6/1, fos. 5–7 and 10. Cobbie's instructions are on fo. 8d., and Draper's on fos. 7d.–8. They were apparently signed by Prince Rupert, Hayes, Wren, Yonge, Meese, Letten, Weymans, Cradock and Phipps, and Nixon's instructions include amongst others: "a strict order for publick prayers & reading the Scriptures & Religious bookes especially on Sundayes"; the "chief Factory to be at Hayes Island [Moose River]"; "Rupert River to be kept up because nere the Isinglass"; and "Port Nellson & New Severne" to be settled.

[2] A.14/3, fos. 126d.–127 and A.14/4, fos. 62d.–63, show that John Keagle reconsidered the matter. In 1682 he was stationed at Chichewan (see p. 300).

Mar. Craddock Reports to this Committee That upon the desire of Capt. Greenway he promised to move on his behalfe for Foure dayes to be Added to his time of Stay with the *prudent Mary* without breach of his Charterparty which is consented unto.

Adjourned till tomorrowe afternoone.

*Att a Committee* 19 *May* 1680
*Present*

May 19, 1680

Sr. James Hayes Depty. Goverr.
Sr. Chr. Wren
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Phipps
Mar. Yonge
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Waymans

Whereas Att the Committee of the 17th past It was Ordd. that such Goods in Hudsons Bay which did belong to Mar. Bayly our late Governor should be sent home for the use of Mrs. Bayly his widdowe It is now Ordered upon the request of the said Mrs. Bayly that the present Governor Mar. Nixon doe sell all such Goods if any body in the Country will buy them and that hee takes Bills from all such persons who shall buy the same to pay for them out of their Wages and that he send such Bills to the Committee by the next returne of the Shipp.

Ordered That Bills be drawne upon Cololl. Meese to pay unto Mar. Phipps 15 *li.* 10*s.* for 120 Blew shirts and ij Cases And also 23 *li.* 15*s.* for 25 Quarter of Malt.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay to Mar. Francis Barham Forty pounds.

Mar. Wm. Walker the Atturney gives an Accot. that our Tryall with Marke Proudfoot about his Ensurance upon the *Shaftesbury* is to come on next Saturday in the afternoone, in Guild hall before the Lord C. J. Scroggs,[1] and recd. Direccion to Subpeena severall persons to be witnesses for the Company at the Tryall. He alsoe Reports that the Tryall upon the Attachmt. of Clarke comes on to morrowe come Seaven night.[2]

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Samll. Binks 20*s.* which he is to have by agreemt. when he engag'd to serve us, and 3 *li.* for 2 Months advance of his Wages of 18 *li.* p. Annum.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon the Ld. Mayor to pay to Thomas Powell Gunsmith the summe of 91 *li.* and to Lawrence Sanderson Gunsmith the summe of 100 *li.*

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Richard Strutton and Richard Markerell to each of them the summe of 3 *li.* by way of Advance in all Six pounds and they are to bring Security to the Cololl. that they will goe the Voyage.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay to Richard Stretton Boatswayne to Capt. Draper the summe of 3 *li.* 16*s.* being Two Months advance of his wages and Mosely the Taylor doth Oblige he shall goe the Voyage.

Agreed with Geo. Hunter and hee is to goe into our service into the Bay under the Wages of 25 *li.* p. Annum and to goe on board the *Albemarle* Friggt. under the Comand of Capt. Draper.

George Hunter.

Adjourned till Friday Morning 10 a Clock.

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[1] Sir William Scroggs (1623–83), Lord Chief Justice.

[2] See pp. 18, 38, 39, 56, 65. So far it has not been possible to find any information about the trial.

May 21, 1680

*Att a Committee* 21 *May* 1680
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Sr. Christo. Wren | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Younge | Mar. Phipps |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Waymans |

Upon the request of John Dew of Windsor that his sonn John Dew a Cooper who is now in the Service of the Company in the Bay may have liberty to Returne this Voyage upon the *Prudent Mary* It is Order'd accordingly and notice thereof is to be given to Governor Nixon.

Ordered That a Bill be Drawne upon Cololl. Meese to pay to Mar. William Walker the Attorney the summe of Tenn pounds upon Accot.

Honycombe is dismissed our service

James Honycombe who agreed with the Committee the 17th past to goe into the Bay, is Dismissed the service.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Mar. Wm. Walker the Goldsmith 4 *li.* 6*s.* 6*d.* upon the Account of Francis Mosley the Taylor.

And 35*s.* to Robert Fisher for Painting Mar. Bayleys Armes to be sent into the Bay.[1]

Ordered That Capt. Draper and Capt. Cobby have each of them a Gunn delivered them for their owne use while they are in the service of the Compa. which they are to Deliver to the Governor when they leave the Service.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 5, " Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680 ", " Mr. Baily came well home, but within a month of his arrivall fell sick and dyed . . . the Company bestowed an honourable buryall on him, and have now sent over an Escutcheon, which wee would have you set up for the observation of the Indians, that they may be made to understand he is dead, and that the Company used him kindly ".

Capt. Draper is allowed a Boy at 13*s*. p. Mensem and to be consider'd the next yeare as hee deserves.

For my Servant Thos. Robinson
Tho. Draper.

Sr. James Hayes haveing produced and read to the Committee such private Letters as he hath prepared to some particuler persons in the Country of Hudsons Bay

It is Ordered That all private Letters that shall be sent at any time into the Bay shall be publickly communicated to the Committee before they are sent and that it be presented at the next Generall Court to be confirmed.

Mr. Letton and Mar. Craddock being desired to see the Shipp Dispatched, and all people employed upon the Voyage to be sworne and enter into such other engagements as are to be Entred into They have undertaken that charge Cololl. Meese is to pay to Geo. Hunter and William Thackster their Two Months advance.

Sr. James Hayes is Desired to attend his Highness P.R. at Windsor for his hand to the Instructions and Letters [1] that are to be sent into the Bay.

Adjourned till Munday one a Clock in the Afternoone.

May 24, 1680

*Att a Committee Munday the* 24 *May* 1680
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Christo. Wren
Mar. Young
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Letton
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Phipps

Thomas Taylor hath agreed to goe into the Bay in the service of the Company for Three yeares under the Wages of 6 *li.* 9 *li.* and 12 *li.* and Cololl. Meese is to pay him 40*s.* upon Accot. by way of Advance.

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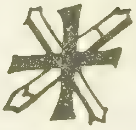
[1] The original letters have not survived in the Company's archives, but copies of those sent to Hudson Bay on the 1680 expedition are to be found in A.6/1, fos. 5–11.

the Marke of Thomas **N** Taylor

Mar. Letton is to Deliver Foure Moose skins to the *Albemarle* Friggt. for the use of those who goe for New Severne,[1] for to make them hunting shooes.

Cololl. Meese is desired to gett stamps made of the union Flagg [2] for the use of the Company in the Bay, and also to buy Foure Common Prayer books and he is likewise desired to enter into such Bonds at the Customhouse as are usuall for the Forraigne Plantacions.



Mar. Craddock and Mar. Letton are desired to give Orders in the name of the Committee to Capt. Greenway, Capt. Draper, and Capt. Cobby when they shall Sayle.

Orders for Sayling

Sr. James Hayes is desired to provide some Addicionall Instructions to Governor Nixon, to encourage the Trade of Martins skins, and the Feathers of Fowle, and alsoe for the use of the Marke of the Union Flagg.[3]

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 5d., " Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680 ", explain that as an interloping design was on foot it was necessary for the Company " suddenly " to occupy Port Nelson and New Severn, which were considered the most likely places for an opposing force to try to settle. Ibid., fo. 7d., The Governor and Committee assigned the task of settling New Severn to Captain Thomas Draper.

[2] The Union Flag of England and Scotland.

[3] A.6/1, fo. 7, Postscript to " Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680 ", encouraging the trade in martin skins " for they find a good market here " [London], and in feathers for the use of the factories. These instructions also directed Nixon " to endeavour to make such Contracts wth. the Indians in all places where you settle as may in future times ascertain to us all liberty of trade & commerce and a league of friendship & peaceable cohabitation, So wee have caused Iron marks to be made of the figure of the Union Flagg, wth. wch. wee would have you to burn Tallys of wood wth. such ceremony as they shall understand to be obligatory & sacred, The manner whereof wee must leave to your prudence, as you shall find the modes & humours of the people you deal

Richd. Holmes hath agreed to goe into the Bay in the Service of the Company on Board the *Albemarle* Friggott for 3 yeares absolute under the Wages of 30*s.* p. Mensem.

Richard Holmes.

Adjourned till to morrowe 12 a Clock.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Capt. Draper 4 *li.* and to Capt. Cobby 3 *li.* for Fresh provisions and 30*s.* apiece for Port charges, &c. upon Account and then Adjourned as before.

May 25, 1680

*Tuesday 25th May* 1680

Sir James Hayes Sr. Christo. Wren Mar. Younge Cololl. Meese Mar. Craddock and Mar. Phipps went on Board the *prudt. Mary* at the Red house[1] by the Invitacion of Capt. Greenway Comandr. and gave 40*s.* to the Shipps Crew which is to be Reported to the next Committee for their allowance.

with, But when the Impression is made, you are to write upon the Tally the name of the Nation or person with whom the Contract is made and the date thereof, and then deliver one part of the Stick to them, and reserve the other. This wee suppose may be sutable to the capacities of these barbarous people, and may much conduce to our quiet & commerce, and secure us from forreign or domestick pretenders."

[1] Mr. Frank C. Bowen, maritime journalist and author, supplies the information that the "Red House was the original name of the present Deptford Victualling Yard [see p. 15, n. 1] and was so called from a big group of warehouses and naval storehouses built of red brick. They were burned down in 1639 but the name Red House still clung to the site. It passed to the Evelyn family in 1726 but in 1745 the Navy bought it back from the Evelyns and a new victualling office was erected there; it was still known by the old name of the Red House, which must have been applied to a considerable area in addition to the actual building, for the official records state that the bomb vessel *Thunder* was built at Red House in 1695."

*Wednesday* 26 *May* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

May 26, 1680

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Craddock | Cololl. Meese |

This Committee doe allowe of the 40*s*. which was given on Board the *Prudent Mary* and Cololl. Meese is to pay it to Capt. Greenway.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robt. Clayton to pay unto Mar. Thomas Hunt the summe of 90 *li*. in full for Tenn Saker Six Falcons & Six Falconetts in all 22 Great Gunns.[1]

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto John Baynes the summe of Three pounds being Two Months wages of John Funter his Apprentice with whome wee have contracted to goe into the Bay.

Upon consideracion and Debate how the Generall Letters and Instructions to the Governor in Hudsons Bay shall be addressed It is agreed to be in manner following

> To John Nixson Esqr. Governor Mar. Water Farr Depty. Governor and Mar. John Bridges cheife Factor and the rest of the Councell[2] in Hudsons Bay.

The style of the Address of our Genll. Lettr. to the Bay.

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[1] The following particulars have been extracted from the table given in the article on Ordnance in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (Fourteenth Edition):

| Name of piece | Calibre | Length | | Weight of gun | Weight of shot | Charge of powder | Later designation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Ins. | Ft. | Ins. | lb. | lb. | lb. | |
| Saker | 3·65 | 6 | 11 | 1,400 | 6 | 4 | 6-pounder |
| Falcon | 2·5 | 6 | 0 | 680 | 2 | 1·2 | |
| Falconet | 2·0 | 3 | 9 | 500 | 1 | ·4 | |

[2] A.6/1, fo. 6, "Governor's Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680" name the other members of the council as Walsall Cobbie, Thomas Draper, Richard Power, and the unidentified commander of the *Hayes* yacht.

Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay Mar. Joseph Stacy Gunn Smith One hundred pounds upon Accompt.

Adjourned to Friday 10 a Clock.[1]

May 27, 1680

*Att a Committee Thursday* 27 *May* 1680
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Yonge | Mar. Phipps |
| Mar. Letton | Cololl. Meese |

Ordered That Sr. James Hayes doe gett a Little Seale[2] of the Armes of the Company to be cutt for the sealing of our Letters.

Ordd. That Capt. Draper have along with him a Copie of the Generall Letter sent this time to Governor Nixon.

That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to pay 30 *li.* to [Samuel] Lash Blockmaker upon Accot.

That Mar. Craddock doe provide a qrtr. Cask of Canary to be sent as a present to Governor Nixon.

Adjourned till this day Seavenight 3 a Clock afternoone.

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[1] The entry in A.1/3, fo. 37d., correctly states " Thursday ".

[2] See p. 59, n. 1. The Company has two small seventeenth century seals of the coat of arms in its possession. One is cut in steel and the other in silver, and both are mounted on ivory handles. For illustrations see *The Beaver*, June, 1945, p. 43, Ramsay Traquair, " The Coat of Arms ".

*Att Graves-end* 28*th May* 1680 *A Committee* May 28, 1680
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Yonge | Mar. Letton |

Delivered To Capt. Thomas Draper Commander of the *Albemarle* Friggatt 1 A Commission from his Highness P.R. and the Committee for the Comand of the said Vessell 2 Instructions for the said Capt. 3 A Copie of the Invoyce of what Goods and Provisions are Loaden on Board the said Vessell 4 A Copie of the Generall Letter and Instructions to Governor Nixon.[1]

29 *May A Committee* May 29, 1680
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Yonge | Mar. Letton |

Wee went on Board the *Albemarle* and *Colliton* and tooke the Oaths and Engagements of the severall Captaines and Crews, and paid them their due Wages and advance; and according to the Order of the 21 Instant are opened severall private Letters designed for the Country which are referred to be comunicated to the Committee att London.

Mar. Elye is sent away to hasten downe Capt. Greenway wth. the *Prudt. Mary.*

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[1] Copies of Nos. 1, 2 and 4 are in A.6/1, fos. 7d.–11. No. 3 has not been traced.

May 31, 1680

*Munday 31th May* 1680 *a Committee*
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes Mar. Craddock
Mar. Yong Mar. Letton

Capt. Greenoway being come downe wee went immediatly on board his Ship the *Prudent Mary* and carried our Bills of Loading and Invoyces to compare with his Boatswaines Booke for the Receipt of our Goods on Board his Shipp and finding each particuler to agree caus'd the said Capt. to signe to Three Bills of Ladeing as Customary.

And the same time wee procured the Searcher at Gravesend to come on Board and cleare the Shipp.

The said Shipp was this day Arrested at the suite of Mar. Garrat an Owner upon Accounts betwixt him and the Capt. which difference wee laboured to compose, and concluded it by Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddocks entring into an Engagemt. to pay 75 *li.* in January next which Obligacion of theirs the Company is to endempnify them against the issue of the Voyage depending upon it.

June 2, 1680

*Tuesday*[1] *2d June* 1680 *A Committee*
*Present*

Sr. Jams. Hayes Mar. Craddock
Mar. Yong Mar. Letton

Wee haveing finished our Invoyces and all our Letters and Instruccions to the Governor and others in the Bay they were sealed up and Delivered to the severall Comandrs. who did likewise then receive their Orders for sayling And Sr. James

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[1] This should be Wednesday.

Hayes and Mar. Yong coming for London to send downe some Money which was wanting Mar. Craddock and Mar. Letton stay'd to hasten the Sayling of the Shipp the next day.

The Coppies of severall Letters and Addicionall Instructions which were prepared at Graves-end are to be Entred in the Copie booke of Letters Outward.[1]

Adjourned till Friday 3 a Clock afternoone att the Anchor in Cornehill.

*Att a Committee Friday 4th June* 1680
*Present*

June 4, 1680

Sr. Jams. Hayes
Mar. Letton
Mar. Craddock
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Waymans
Mar. Phipps
Sr. Chr. Wren

Mar. Letton haveing presented to this Committee a Bill drawne upon Cololl. Henry Meese and Mar. Craddock by Capt. Richard Greenway Comander of the *Prudent Mary* for the Payment of Three hundred and twelve pounds tenn shillings out of the Freight upon the Returne of the said Vessell The said Bill is now Accepted and a Copie is Ordered to be taken of it and to be kept in the Cabbinett of the Company to the end that noe other Payment upon the said Capts. Accot. may have preference to it.

Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddock report what hath been done by the Committee at Graves-end, and particularly that they have discovered by Letters they opened there that Mar. Phipps is Obnoxiouse to just excepcion and therefore they moved he should withdrawe, which he doeing Mar. Craddock read such Letters as hee had brought from thence, And gave such farther Informacion as he had against him And thereupon

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[1] A.6/1.

It is Ordered That the consideracion of what had been now communicated should be adjourned till a full Committee and in the meane time that Mar. Phipps should forbeare the Comittee.

They further Report that about Two a clock in the afternoone Wednesday last the *Prudent Mary Albemarle* and *Colliton* Yaucht Sayled from Gravesend with a faire wind.

Ordd. That upon Tuesday next in the afternoone Mrs. Baylies demands are to be taken into consideracion.

Ordd. That the Bills of all Tradesmen shall be brought in and Examined by Mar. Stone, and that he doth make up the Accot. of the Company with the Lord Mayor and Cololl. Meese agt. Tuesday next and to appoint the Tradesmen to come to receive what shall be due to them upon Friday next.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

June 9, 1680

*Wednesday the 9th June* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Weymans |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Yonge |
| Mar. Letton | Cololl. Meese |

Letters from the Capts. of the *Prudent Mary*, the *Albemarle* Friggott and *Colliton* yaucht were read at the Board Dated from Yarmouth Road[1] signifying their safety in passing through that Road the 3d instant, they give Accot. of their Shipps and their Sayling.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 11d., Governor and Committee to John Nixon, London, June, 1681, " . . . those three Vessells [*Prudent Mary*, *Colleton* and *Albemarle*] . . . went hence togeather [1680] by the way of the North the winds favouringe that course and wee being in feare, of the Turks were not willinge they Should Saile by the Westward." The piratical power of the Barbary States, then forming part of the Turkish empire, was at its height during the seventeenth century. It was not extinguished until the French captured Algiers in 1830.

Ordered To drawe a Bill upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay unto Mar. Peter Hudson 189 *li.* for 70 Barrells of Powder packt in halfe Barrells and cased.

Ordered To Drawe a Bill upon Sr. Robt. Clayton to pay to Mar. William Palmer Gunsmith for 89 Guns at 20*s.* a Gunn, and an extraordinary Gunn at 30*s.* in all 90 *li.* 10*s.*

Mar. Stone Reports that according to the Order of the last Committee he hath made up the Account of the Company wth. the Lord Major and finds 526 *li.* 14*s.* 2*d.* Due from thence but as for Cololl. Meeses Accot. hee had not the opportunity of makeing it up.

And it is thereupon Ordered that Cololl. Meese doe bring in his Account the next Committee.

And Mar. Letton alleadging hee hath laid out severall Summes of Money for the Company hee is Ordered to bring in his Account also the next Committee.

This day being appointed by the desire of Mar. Phipps at the last Committee for him to make his defence to the charge that was then presented against him and he now not appearing

Ordered That hee shall not have liberty to Transferr his stock in the Company without the leave of the Generall Court and Mar. Stone is to give him a Copie of this Order.

Cololl. Meese is to pay 2 *li.* to Mar. James the Clerke upon Accot.

Adjourned till Friday 3 a Clock.

June 11, 1680

*Friday* 11*th June* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Cololl. Meese |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Yonge |
| Mar. Letton | Mar. Waymans |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | |

Mar. Ekins of Silly appeared at the Committee and gave us an Account of the Foure Gunns taken up by him upon the Wrack of the *Shaftsbury*, and informes that the charge hee was at in the Weying and saveing the Guns Amounted to Foure pounds two shillings and as for the Gratuity for his owne paines he leaves it to the Committee.

Ordd. That Mar. Ekins doe send up the Guns by the first opportunity and the Committee will pay the said 4 *li.* 2*s.* to this Order and such gratuity for his paines as shall be thought fitt.[1]

A Letter is comunicated from Capt. Greenway from New castle Dated Friday the 5th.[2]

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Thomas Beckett the Summe of 8 *li.* 8*s.* for Two Boats one for the *Albemarle* another for the *Colliton*

And to Richard Mew the Baker 127 *li.* 16*s.* And to Robert Carnoll Ironmonger 80 *li.*

Mar. Craddock Reports that Mar. Mason and Mar. Shenton attended the Sub-Committee yesterday appointed to consider Mrs. Baylies demands concerning her husbands Mar. Charles Bayly's Salary and endeavour'd to justify her demand of 200 *li.*

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[1] See pp. 8, 12, 89. The amount paid to Ekins was £4. 7*s.* 0*d.*

[2] This should be Saturday, June 5. No trace of this letter has been found.

p. Annum from the begining of his Service, but upon the examining of the Bookes and Accots. of the Company It appearing plainely by the Generall Letter from his H. Prince Rupert and the Committee in May 1678 As also by the Letter of the said Mar. Bayly in Answer thereunto in Septr. 1678 And more particulerly by another Genll. Letter of his Hs. and the Committee Dated the 17th May 1679 when they recalled him from the Govermt. of Hudsons Bay That his Salary of 200 *li.* p. Anum was not Established upon him till the yeare 1678 And that before that time his Salary was but 50 *li.* p. Ann.[1]

It is now Ordered That noe Alligations shall be Read to the Contrary.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

*Att a Committee* 16 *June* 1680 June 16, 1680
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Letton
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Waymans
Sr. Chro. Wrenn

There being severall small Bills of Tradesmen to pay It is thought fitt that Mar. John Letton doe take the care of paying those Bills off and thereupon It is Ordered That a Bill be drawne upon Sr. Robert Clayton to pay unto him the summe of Two hundred pounds. Cololl. Meese haveing Delivered in his Accounts.

Ordered That Mar. Letton and Mar. Waymans doe inspect the said Accounts and make Report thereof the next Committee day.

Ordered That Mar. Letton doe pay unto Sr. James Hayes

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[1] This correspondence is not in the Company's archives.

10 *li.* 15*s.* 5*d.* being the Ballance of an Account for petty Expenses made by him.

It being found upon the Examining of Sr. Robert Claytons and Colonell Meese's, Accounts that there will be a considerable summe of money wanting to discharge the remayning debts of the Company and to make the Ensurance which is designed this Voyage which is 2000 pound Outward bound

And some of the members of the Company haveing offered to Advance such money as shall be wanting

It is now Ordered and Agreed That for every 100 *li.* which shall be soe lent and Advanced there shall be paid 106 *li.* at Christmas next, and if wee shall not have a Returne from the Bay before that time to enable us to discharge such Debt, that then there shall be an allowance for the same after the rate of 6 *li.* p. Cent p. Ann. till it be repaid.

Ordered That Mar. Hayward doe Negotiate an Ensurance of 2000 *li.* upon the *Prudent Mary* Outward bound and conclude the same with the Advice and Assistance of Colonell Meese and Mar. Letton.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

June 23, 1680

*Att a Committee* 23*d June* 1680
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | Cololl. Meese |
| Mar. Yonge | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Craddock | |

It being moved That Mar. Lettons house would be more comodious for the reception of the Committee then the place where wee now are, and Mar. Letton expressing his willingnes to receive the Committee at his house upon the same termes as they now give for the use of the Chambers att the Golden Anchor in Cornehill

Resolved That the Committee be hereafter held at the house of Mar. Letton for which he is to have the Rent of 25 *li.* p. Ann. to Commence at Michaelmas next and notice is to be given thereof to the Mar. of the Anchor by Mar. Craddock, and Mar. Letton hath consented to this Agreement under the same termes that the Mar. of the Golden Anchor did.[1]

Ordered That Mar. Letton doe pay to Robert Maddox for Brandy the summe of 24 *li.* 2*s.* And to Mar. Gore the Slopp seller 1 *li.* 16*s.* And to Mar. Willmott who attended the Candle at the last sale of our Goods 40*s.*

Maddox
Gore
Wilmot for the Candle

One from Capt. Cobbys Mother being to demand such Wages as were due to her Sonne for whome shee is Atturney, upon the Death of his wife; he is directed to let her know that upon the 28th of the next Month there will be halfe a yeares wages due to the said Captaine and that then shee shall receive what is not already paid to him before his departure.

Letters are communicated from Capt. Draper and Capt. Cobby from Burnt Island[2] assureing their safety and that Draper hath taken In 5 Tonn of Ballast there and that the *Albemarle* Sayles well since the Addicion of that Ballast.

Ordered That Mar. Craddock doe pay to Francis Mosely the Taylor in part for worke done this Voyage the summe of 40 *li.* upon Account And to Michell Dudfeild in part for Iron worke 15 *li.*

Mosely the Taylor

And to Steph. Carrington for 39 Gro. & ½ of St. Martins Lace

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[1] See p. 7, n. 1, and p. 92.

[2] Burntisland, a parish and town in the Kirkcaldy district of Fifeshire, lying on the Firth of Forth. The letters sent from Burntisland have not been traced.

26 *li.* which is 22*s.* 6*d.* p. gro. with the abatemt. of 8*s.* upon the whole.

And to Mar. Hayward for severall small Disbursments and Writings drawne and Coppied. 24 *li.* 19*s.*

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

June 30, 1680

*Att a Committee* 31 [sic] *June* 1680
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Cololl. Meese |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mar. Yonge |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Letton | |

Ordered That Mar. Letton doe pay unto Mar. Browning Six pounds five shillings for one qrters. rent due at Midsummer.

And That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Joseph Stacy Gunsmith the summe of 17 *li.* in full of all Accounts.

Upon the Reading of certaine Letters which were written by Mar. Phipps and designed by him for Hudsons Bay and Intercepted at Graves end; and upon hearing what defence hee could make, This Committee not being satisfied therewth. Drew an Order, That the said Mar. Phipps be excluded from being any longer a Member of this Committee hee haveing not behaved himselfe therein according to the trust reposed in him.

Sr. James Hayes being to goe into the Country Sr. Christo. Wren is chosen to supply his Roome.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

*Att a Committee July the 7th* 1680
*Present*

July 7, 1680

Sr. Chro. Wren
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Letton
Mar. Waymans
Mar. Craddock

Ordered That a Receipt be given to Capt. Walkers Bill of Ladeing which was done accordingly.

Ordered Whereas there Remaines severall Little Bills wch. have not yet been adjusted That Cololl. Meese Mar. Letton Mar. Waymans and Mar. Craddock or any two of them be appointed a Sub-Committee to adjust and abate the sd. Bills and to pay the same accordingly as they shall agree amongst themselves which of them shall pay each respective Bill and that each of them give their severall Accot. of what they have paid in pursuance of this Order to the next Committee from time to time.

Adjourned till Wednesday Fortnight by wch. time the Sub-Committee judge they shall have adjousted all the Bills.

*Att A Committee July* 21*th* 1680
*Present*

July 21, 1680

Sr. Chr. Wrenn
Mar. Letton
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Waymans

The Sub-committee Report that they had adjusted and paid off most of their Bills except 3 or 4 which they hope to finish against next meeting and they will bring in the Account.

The Committee takeing into consideracion the paying Mar. Elie hath taken and finding hee hath been Imployed Foure months almost constantly in their Service in looking after the building Repairing and setting out our Vessells in which he hath Demeaned himselfe very diligently and faithfully to the Companies satisfaccion and proffitt doe Order that 20 *li.* be given him as a Gratuity, and Mar. Waymans is desired to pay the same accordingly.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

July 28, 1680

*Att a Committee July* 28 1680
*Present*

Sr. Chro. Wren
Colo. Meese
Mar. Letton

An Order drawne upon Mar. Letton to pay Master Barham in full of all Demands remayning due the summe of 40 *li.* for which hee gave his Receipt.

Mrs. Eliza. Cobbie the Mother of Capt. Cobbie appearing and shewing her Letter of Attorney an Order was drawne upon Mar. Letton to pay her 15 *li.* in part of his Wages according to an Order of June the 23 for which she gave Receipt.

An Order drawne upon Mar. Letton to pay Mar. Mosely in full of all Demands for Coats and Capps pr. the summe of 13 *li.* for which he gave his Receipt.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

*Att a Committee August the 4th* 1680
*Present*

August 4, 1680

Sr. Christo. Wren Mar. Letton
Cololl. Meese

An Estimate was made of the remayning Debte and Sr. Christopher Wren offered to Lend 100 li.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

*Att a Committee August the* 11*th* 1680
*Present*

August 11, 1680

Sr. Chro. Wren Cololl. Meese
Mar. Letton

A Letter was read from Capt. Greenway Dated from the Orkneys June 11th signifieing his safe arivall and Departure thence but without sight of his consorts.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

*Att a Committee August the* 18 1680
*Present*

August 18, 1680

Sr. Chro. Wren Mar. Letton
Cololl. Meese Mar. Weymans

Mar. Ekins of Silly's Letter being read concerning the charge of Salvage of the 4 Gunns taken up from the Wrack, It is Order'd that the said Expence Vizt. 4 *li.* 7*s.* be paid as he hath directed in the Letter and Cololl. Meese is desired to pay the same and that the Gunnes be left at Mar. Lashes Wharfe where they are to be sent the next Voyage.[1]

Sr. Christo. Wren payes to Cololl. Meese by way of Loane to the Compa. One hundred pounds.

An Order drawne upon Cololl. Meese to pay to Rt. Rowland Brazier for Kettles Thirty one pounds.

Ordered That Mar. Stone be paid upon Accot. of Wages the summe of Tenn pounds by Cololl. Meese hee giveing his Receipt in the Booke.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

August 25, 1680

*August the* 25*th* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Mar. Letton | Mar. Weymans |
| Cololl. Meese | |

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Mar. Samuell Lash Blockmaker in part of his Accot. Tenn pounds which was charged accordingly.

And alsoe charged on him more to Mar. Watts Apothecary for Medicines for the *Albemarle* Two pounds twelve shillings And for the *Colleton* Yacht Two pounds Sixteene shillings.

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[1] See pp. 8, 12, 82. Ekins' letter has not survived. A.15/1, fo. 32d., July 9, 1681, "Factory Dr. to Samuel Lash for the 4 great Guns charged him in November 1680 which were Saved out of the lost *Shaftsbury* & sent p. the Ship *Dilligence* to Hudsons Bay last expedition with others that were new, computed to weigh 40C. at 10/- p. C. £20." Ibid., fo. 33, September 1, 1681, "Charges Dr. for money paid . . . Tho. Ekins for Salvage of 4 great Guns out of the *Shaftsbury*" £4. 7*s*. 0*d*.

*Septemb. the 8th* 1680 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

September 8, 1680

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| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mar. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Weymans |
| Mar. Letton | Mar. Younge |

Upon consideracion had concerning the Ensurance of the Shipps homeward and the Money to be Ensured It was Resolved that Six thousand pounds[1] be Ensured upon the Ship *Prudent Mary*, and that Mar. Nicholas Hayward be Imployed in the Management of that affaire takeing advice of Cololl. Meese Mar. Letton Mar. Craddock and Mar. Weymans or any two. The Money to be Advanced for the said Ensurance is 200 *li.* by Mar. Craddock 50 *li.* by Mar. Weymans and the said 250 *li.* soe Advanced is upon the same Account as the Money lately Lent to the Company.

Adjourned to this Wednesday fortnight.

*Att a Committee September* 22*th* 1680
*Present*

September 22, 1680

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| Sr. Christo. Wrenn | Mar. Wyman |
| Mar. Letton | Colo. Meese |
| Mar. Craddock | |

Upon consideracion and Discourse about the Ensurance it was resolv'd that it shall continue according to the direccions given Mar. Haywood and that the valuation be 18000 *li.*

Mar. Craddock reports he hath advanced 50 *li.* to Mar. Haywood part of the 200 *li.* which hee ingaged to advance and is ready to advance as Mar. Haywood shall call for it and although many persons have desired to come in yet noe body as yet hath began to underwrite and it is judged that it is better for the Interest of the Company not to seeme forward but to lett the business worke of it selfe.

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[1] Cf. pp. 93, 133, 134–5.

Adjourned to this day Three weeks at Mar. Lettons house and Mar. Stone is to take care to remove all things belonging to the Company which are at the Anchor to Mar. Lettons before Michaelmas day and Cololl. Meese is Desired to pay the Rent being 6 *li.* 5*s.* and 10*s.* to the Maid.[1]

October 28, 1680

*Att a Committee Thursday the* 28 *October* 1680
*Att Mar. Lettons house*
*Present*

Sr. Jas. Hayes
Cololl. Meese
Mar. Weymans
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Letton

That Mar. Stone doe make up a perfect and compleat State of the Accompts of the Company and alsoe prepare a just valuacion of the Stock of the Company to be ready to be presented to the Committee upon Wednesday the 10th of November or sooner if it may be done.

That the Keys of the Companies Cabinett shall be alwaies left att Mar. Letton.

Adjourned till Wednesday the 10th of November.

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[1] A.15/1, fo. 30, October 20, 1680, John Browning was paid £6. 5*s.* 0*d.* for a quarter's rent " due at Mich. last ", and 10*s.* 0*d.* was paid to " the Maid for cleaning said Roome ".

*Att a Committee Novembr.* 10*th* 1680
*Present*

November 10, 1680

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|---|---|
| Sr. Christo. Wren | Sr. Jams. Hayes |
| Cololl. Meese | Mr. Craddock |
| Mar. Letton | Mr. Young |
| Mar. Weymans | |

Mar. Haywood brought in the Policy upon which he gave Accot. 5650 *li.*[1] was Assured as appeares by the said Policy which was Delivered into the custody of Mar. Stone.

Mar. Stone being enquired of concerning his performance of the Order of the last Committee for the makeing up of the Accots. of the Company

Mar. Letton desires his excuse for that he the said Mar. Letton hath not brought in his particular Account to enable him thereunto but against this day Senight he undertakes to doe it.

Ordered That Mar. Letton doe pay to Edward Golton for cutting the Seale of the Company and setting it into an Ivory head the summe of 25*s.*[2]

Mar. Phipps appearing at this Comittee and declaring he had agreed with Mar. John Tisson[3] to sell his share in the Stock and desiring the Committee to give him liberty soe to doe notwithstanding their former order it is now assented unto and he hath transferred his share accordingly.

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[1] Cf. pp. 91, 133, 134–5.

[2] This is doubtless the seal referred to on p. 76.

[3] A.43/1, fos. 22d.–23, November 3, 1680, John Tyssen of London, merchant, acquired £200 stock in the Hudson's Bay Company from Thomas Phipps, mercer and citizen of London, and £100 worth from Richard Chauncy, another mercer and citizen of London. A.15/1, fo. 34d., November 9, 1681, "John Tyssen in Compa. Dr. to Francis Tyssen junr. in Compa. for his whole share in the Stock assigned this day by his Executor and Father Francis Tyssen senr. £300." *The Little London Directory of* 1677 lists a "Mr. Tyson" of "Coleman Street Blackwelhall [see p. 158, n. 1] Factor" and a "Francis Tyson" of "Philpot lane". *Antiquities of London and Environs Engraved & Published by J. T. Smith* contains a drawing of "The Old Manor-House, Hackney, formerly the residence of the Tyssen family".

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

November 18, 1680

*Att a Committee Thursday the* 18*th November*
*Present*

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Young | Mar. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | Mar. Weymans |

The Accot. of the Companies stock was produced by Mar. Stone according to the Order of the last Committee and Examined and further direccion given him for the preparing of that Abstract fitt to be shewne at the Generall Court according to the Instructions now given him in writing.[1]

Ordered That Mar. Stone doe call upon Mar. Wm. Walker the Atturney and Summon him to attend the Committee next Tuesday and to bring with him all Papers he hath in his hands that belong to the Company and to give an Accompt of the severall Accions relating to the Company that are under his care.

Adjourned till Tuesday next at 3 a Clock.

[1] Neither the abstract nor the instructions have been traced.

*Att a Committee Tuesday* 23 *November* 1680
*Present*

November
23, 1680

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mar. Young |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Weymans | Sr. Chro. Wrenn |
| Hen. Meese | |

Sr. James Hayes haveing reported to this Committee that his Highness P.R. hath appointed Saturday next at 3 a Clock in the afternoone for a Generall Court to be held at his House in Spring Garden for the chosing of Governor Deputy Governor Committee and Treasurer for the Company

Ordered That all the Members of the Company doe bring in their Suffrages in Writing upon Tuesday next to Mar. Lettons house where they are to be sealed up, and presented to his Highness at the Generall Court.

Mar. Stone presented to the Committee an Abstract of the Debts and Creditts of the Company which is ordered to be written out faire to be presented at the Generall Court And a Memoriall of it to be Entred by Mar. Stone in the Wast Journall.[1]

*Att a Committee Tuesday*[2] 25*th November* 1680
*Present*

November
25, 1680

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Collo. Meese |
| Mar. Young | Mar. Weymans |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Letten |

The Booke of Orders being Examined and it appeares that at the Generall Court held 28 November 1679 It was amongst other things Ordered that the Treasurer for the Compa. should be chose at the same time when the Governor Deputy Governor and Committee were chosen, Now for as much as the Shipp *Prudent Mary* is not yett arived It is thought fit by this Committee not to choose the Treasurer at the same time but to suspend that Election [1] untill the Arrivall of the Ship and that then a Treasurer shall be chosen at a Generall Court, and this Order of the Committee is to be presented to the General Court upon Saturday next for their Confirmation.

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[1] The entry in A.1/3, fo. 46d., adds: "under 24th Novr. 1680. Adjourned till Thursday next 3 o Clock afternoone."

[2] This should be Thursday.

Adjourned till Wednesday next 3 a Clock afternoone.[2]

November 27, 1680

*Att a Generall Court held the 27th Novemb.* 1680 *Att his Highness Prince Ruperts Lodgings in Spring Garden*

*Present*

His Highns. Pr. Rupert
Sr. James Hayes
Mar. Fr. Tisson [3]
Mar. Hen. Meese
Mar. Wm. Walker
Mar. Nico. Hayward
Mar. Jno. Bradley
Sr. Chro. Wrenn
The Earle of Craven
Mar. Wm. Young
Mar. Gerd. Weymans

The Governor Depty. Governor and Committee being to be chosen the Ballett was taken and the choyce made as followeth

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[1] See pp. 101, 102 and 104 n. 3.

[2] As will be seen, the next Committee meeting recorded is that for December 8. The meeting for November 25 is the last one recorded in the Minutes Book A.1/3, although there are ten blank pages remaining. At the end of the meeting the following remark appears: "Mr. James you are to write no more till we have a new minute booke Ja. Hayes Dep. Gov." See p. 7, n. 3.

[3] Francis Tyssen, senior. See p. 93, n. 3. A.43/1, fo. 18d., November 21, 1679, Thomas Leman of London, gentleman, assigned £200 stock in the Hudson's Bay Company to Francis Tyssen of London, merchant. Ibid, fo. 27d., November 16, 1681, Francis Tyssen, senior, assigned his whole share of £200 to Francis Tyssen, junior, of London, merchant.

His Hs. Prince Rupert Governor
Sr. James Hayes Depty. Governor

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| Sr. Robert Vynor Knight and Barront. | Committee |
| Sr. Christoph. Wrenn | |
| William Yonge Esqr. | |
| Mar. Meese | |
| Mar. Letten | |
| Mar. Craddock | |
| Mar. Waymans | |

The Oath of Fidelity to the Company was Administred by his H. Prince Rupert to Sr. James Hayes Depty. Governr.

And then Sr. Christo. Wrenn Mar. Yonge Mar. Mees and Master Waymans being all of the Committee that were present tooke the same Oath.

An Abstract of the Companies Stock was presented to his Highnes and the Company according to the Order of the last Committee.

*Att a Committee the* 8*th Decembr.* 1680[1]
*Present*

December 8, 1680

Sr. Jams. Hayes D. Govr.
Sr. Chro. Wrenn
Mar. Young
Mar. Meese
Mar. Waymans
Mar. Craddock
Mar. Letten

Mar. Letten and Mar. Craddock being chosen to be of the Committee and not present at the Generall Court when the rest were sworne they now tooke their Oathes.

Sr. James Hayes is desired to attend Sr. Robert Viner at his House he being Lame and to Administer the same Oath to him.

Adjourned till Wednesday next 3 a Clock afternoone.

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[1] The record of this meeting is on folio 35. It is repeated again on fo. 35d.

December 8, 1680

*Att a Committee The 8th Decber.* 1680
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes D. Govr. | Mar. Weymans |
| Sr. Chro. Wrenn | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Young | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Meese | |

Mar. Letton & Mar. Craddock being chosen to be of the Committee and not present at the Generall Court when the rest were sworne they now take their Oaths.

Sr. James Hayes is desired to attend Sr. Robert Vyner at his house hee being lame and to administer the same Oath to him.

Adjourned till Wednesday next 3 a Clock afternoone.

December 15, 1680

*Att a Committee Wednesday* 15*th Decr.* 1680
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jams. Hayes D. Govr. | Sr. Chro. Wrenn |
| Mar. Craddock | Mar. Weymans |
| Mar. Yonge | |

Sr. James Hayes Reports to this Committee that according to the Order of the last Committee he hath attended Sr. Robert Vyner and Administred the Oath of a Committee man to him in the presence of Mar. Craddock who accompanied him to his House. A private Order was also given to Mar. Waymans to write to Burdeaux which was not thought fitt to be Entred.[1]

Adjourned till Thursday next 3 a Clock afternoone.

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[1] See Introduction, p. xxxv, n. 3.

*Att a Committee Thursday* 23*d Decr.* 1680
*Present*

December 23, 1680

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mar. Craddock |
| Mar. Yong | Mar. Letton |

Resolved That in case the *Prudent Mary* nor noe other Shipp shall come from the Bay home before Wednesday Seavenight to which day the Committee is now adjourned, That then a Generall Court shall be appointed in order to the carrying on the next yeares Expedicion.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 5 Janry. next.

*Att a Committee Wednesday the 5th January* 1680
*Present*

N.S.
January 5, 1681

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Yong | Mar. Weymans[1] |

There being a Bill produced of the Stacioners amounting to 3 *li.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

Ordered That Mar. Letton doe pay the said Bill getting what abated he can there being severall particulers thought to high charged.

Ordered That Mar. Letton doe alsoe pay unto Sr. James Hayes one pound fifteen shillings laid out by him to get a Judgmt. and Execucion set aside in the Case of Palmer against Totnam[2] and Thirteen shillings and fourepence upon a Bill of

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[1] The entry in the Minutes Book, A.1/4, fo. 2d., records that Colonel Meese was also present.

[2] No information concerning this case has yet been found.

Samuell Austin in Tower street for lynes to tye up the Cases and Chests that were sent the last Voyage.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

N.S.
January 12,
1681

*Att a Committee* 12 *Jany.* 1680/1
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mar. Cradock |
| Cololl. Mees | Mar. Weymans |
| Mr. Letton | |

Elinor Vernon wife of Hugh Verner who is now in the Service of the Company in Hudsons Bay applying to the Committee for some of her husbands wages, but produceing noe Letter of Attorney, shee was dismissed. It appearing that Mar. Phipps who was her husbands Attorney had received 7 *li.* his full wages at the last Returne from Hudsons Bay of which Mar. Stone is to give her a Note under his hand to shew to Mar. Phipps.

Ordered That Colonell Meese doe pay to Mar. James the Clerke who transcribes our Minutes Two pound tenn shillings, in full for his service to this day, And from henceforth it is agreed hee shall have 2*s.* 6*d.* for every side hee writes in the Greate booke.[1]

Ordered That Colonell Meese doe pay to Mar. Letton the summe of 14 *li.* 10*s.* being the Ballance of his Account due to the Company.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

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[1] A.1/2, the book from which these Minutes have been transcribed. See pp. 7, 15.

*Att a Committee Thursday* 20 *Janry.* 1680/1
*Present*

N.S.
January 20,
1681

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Waymans | Mar. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | |

Consideracion being had of makeing Provision for the next Voyage in regard the *Prudent Mary* is not likely to arrive at this Season

It is resolved That Cololl. Meese and Mar. Waymans doe treat with one Langford[1] who hath been formerly a Mate with Capt. Guillam and Capt. Morrice and retaine him immediatly into the Service of the Company against the next expedicion upon as reasonable tearmes as they can.

Ordered That Mar. Letton and Mar. Craddock goe to Sr. Robert Cleyton and Mar. Morrice and make up the Accot. of the Company with them, and if they shall be content to take of the Company the same Premium for the Money by them heretofore advanced, which the rest of the members of the Company who advanced money did take, then they are to tender to Sr. Robert the makeing of him Treasurer[2] againe for the Company. They are likewise to take up the Writings which are in their hands which were executed at the time of their advancing the money.

Consideracion being likewise had of the Advancing of Money for the Companys carrying on the next Expedicion. It is the opinion of this Committee that Forty p. Cent is necessary to be raised.[1]

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[1] This name is given as Sanford in A.1/4, fo. 3d. Ezbon Sandford was apparently mate of the *Messenger* dogger (Captain Robert Morris) in 1672, and mate of the *Prince Rupert* (Captain Zachariah Gillam) in 1674. See pp. 102, 179. According to A.6/1, fo. 29d., Sandford was a kinsman of Captain Gillam.

[2] See p. 96. By this time all hope had been given up of the arrival of the *Prudent Mary* before the autumn of 1681. See also p. 104, n. 3.

Adjourned to Wednesday next.

N.S.
January 26,
1681

*Att a Committee Wednesday* 26*th Janry.* 1680
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Mees | Sr. Chro. Wrenn |
| Mar. Craddock | |

Mr. Craddock and Mar. Letton haveing attended Sr. Robert Clayton according to the Order of the last Committee they Report that Sr. Robert Clayton hath absolutely refused to accept of the Premium for the Money by him formerly advanced which all the rest of the Membrs. of the Company who advanced money at the same time have taken, and Denies that hee ever made any such promise as is pretended he made at the Generall Court when hee undertook to lend the Money or since, but refers himselfe to the Writings which were executed betwixt him and the Company and that hee will not abate of the tearmes of that Agreement.

Cololl. Mees haveing Reported that Mate Sanford of whom mention is made att the last Committee hath been with Mar. Waymans and him, and hath made such extraordnary demands for his service that it is thought fitt to treat noe farther with him.

Sr. James Hayes haveing Reported to this Committee that hee hath hopes to procure 4200 *li.*[2] being the Money which is necessary to be borrowed for the present service of the Company under the rate of 8 *li.* p. Ct. he is desired to use his endeavours to effect the same makeing such an Agreement for the Company that any of the Members thereof shall have Liberty to bring in their severall proportions of the Money according to the value of their Stock at 40 *li.* p. Cent.

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[1] I.e. forty per cent. of the capital, which at this time stood at £10,500. See pp. 103, 105–06.

[2] Approximately forty per cent. of the capital. See pp. 105–06. For the names of the stockholders who lent money on this occasion see p. 163, n. 2.

Sr. James Hayes is likewise desired to treat wth. Capt. Walker concerning his goeing in comand the next Expedicion but not make no agreement with him but to Report his proceeding with him to the next Committee.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

*Att a Committee Thursday 3d Febr.* 1680/1
*Present*

N.S.
February 3,
1681

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Govr. | Mar. Waymans |
| Colloll. Mees | Mar. Letton |
| Mar. Craddock | |

Sr. James Hayes Reports that Mar. Walker demands 300 *li.* for a whole yeares Service to Hudsons Bay of which hee expects 100 *li.* downe and 200 *li.* upon his Returne.

Whereupon the Committee are come to this resolution that the demand appeares to unreasonable that they will not treat farther with Mar. Walker unless hee makes more moderate Demands That Sr. James Hayes is desired to lett him know that as they looke upon him as well qualified for the Service of the Company they would have it left to the Committee to reward his extraordinary Service upon his Returne from the Expedicion.

Itt is the Opinion of this Committee that whosoever advances the Money for that present occasion of the Company for the next Expedicion shall have noe other Security[1] then what Sr. Robert Cleyton formerly had, and Sr. James Hayes is desired to give the last resolution of the person with him he is treating the next Committee day which shall be next Wednesday unto which time this Committee is adjourned.

N.S.
February 9,
1681

*Att a Committee Wednesday the 9th Febry.* 1680/1
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mar. Letton |
| Sr. Chro. Wrenn | Mar. Waymans |
| Mar. Craddock | Collo. Mees |

Sr. James Hayes Reports to this Committee that he hath securd a person to advance money upon the Creditt of the Stock for the carrying on the next Expedicion, and hath named him Mar. Hill[2] of Lincolnes Inne.

Whereupon it was taken in consideracion who should have the Custody[3] of the money to be advanced either by Mar. Hill or any of the members of the Company and it is Resolved That Mar. John Temple and Company[4] at the Three Tunns in

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[1] See pp. 106, 111.

[2] The negotiations with Mr. Hill apparently fell through and his place was taken by a Walter Tyndall. See p. 110.

[3] Sir Robert Clayton was apparently not re-elected Treasurer of the Company on account of his truculent attitude regarding former loans. See pp. 12, 36, 37, 40, 101, 102.

[4] *The Little London Directory of* 1677, "Goldsmiths that keep Running Cashes . . . John Temple and John Seale at the Three Tunns in Lumbard str." H. B. Wheatley (ed.), *The Diary of Samuel Pepys* . . . (London, 1897), V, 98, September 30, 1665, " . . . then to Captain Cocke's, where I find Mr. Temple, the fat blade, Sir Robert Viner's chief man . . ." After Vyner lost most of his money by the closing of the Exchequer in 1672, Temple apparently set up in business on his own account and took John Seale, about whom nothing is known, as partner. See F. G. Hilton Price (ed.), *A Handbook of London Bankers* (London, 1890–1), pp. 161–2. John Temple & Company's account in the Hudson's Bay Company's books was opened on November 11, 1681. (H.B.C. Arch. A.14/4, fos. 41d.–42.)

Lumbard Street and Mar. Peter Evans[1] and his ptner at the Black boy in Lumbardstreet shall be the persons to whom the Money shall be paid and the Receipt of either of them shall be a sufficient discharge to any person that shall pay in his money.

It is farther Ordered that all money shall be paid in within Tenn dayes, and Sr. James Hayes is desired to acquaint his Highnes Prince Rupert that it is agreed by the Committee that upon Friday next at Tenn a clock in the forenoone there shall be a Generall Court at his Highnes Lodgings except his Hs. please to appoint any other time.

It is Resolved that for the next expedicion wee doe hire a Shipp and that Mar. Craddock Mar. Waymans Colonell Mees and Mar. Letton or any three of them doe endeavour to find out a Shipp fitting for the next Expedition and report it to the next Committee.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

N.S.
February
11, 1681

*Att a Genll. Court held at his Hs. Prince Rupts.*
*Lodgings* 11*th Febr.* 1680/1
*Present*

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| His Highs. P.R. Governr. | Collo. Meese |
| Sr. Ja. Hayes D. Govr. | Mr. Craddock |
| Sr. Robt. Clayton | Mr. Jno. Tisson |
| Mr. Letton | Mr. Hayward |

Sr. James Hayes Representing to this Genll. Court That it had been thought necessary by the Committee to Raise 40 *li.* p.

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[1] A mistake for Stephen Evance. The name is recorded in A.1/4, fo. 5, as "Steven Evans", and in A.43/1, fos. 38d. and 39 his signature reads: "Step. Evance". *The Little London Directory of* 1677, "Goldsmiths that keep Running Cashes . . . Peter Percefull and Stephen Evans at the Black Boy in Lumbard street". See p. 142. Evance was knighted in 1690 and was Governor of the Company 1692–96 and 1700–12.

Cent upon the stock for the carrying on the next Expedicion It is assented unto by this Generall Court and the Stock is to be engaged as formerly it was to Sr. Robert Cleyton for the whole summe, and any member of the Company shall have liberty to bring in his proporcion.[1]

It is Ordered That whosoever doth advance Money for this Expedicion shall give Bills for the same to the Goverr. and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudsons Bay which Bills shall be lodged in an Iron chest which is to be bought for that purpose with Three locks of which the Depty. Governor to keep one key and Two of the Committee the other Two keys and every mans stock shall be lyable to make good the paymt. of their Bills.

Order'd That a Ship be hired for the next expedicion according to what was agreed the last Committee.

Order'd That applicacion be made to his Maty. to get the same priviledg to this Company for the sending all maner of Provisions for the Factory in Hudsons Bay without paying of Custome, according to what hath been granted to the Royll. Affrican Company[2] and other Companies and in Order thereunto Sr. James Hayes is to prepare a Memoriall, which when prepared his H. will be pleased to interceed with his Maty. for that favoure.[3]

N.S.
February
16, 1681

*Att a Committee Wednesday the* 16 *Febr.* 1680/1
*Present*

Sr. Jams. Hayes Dty. Govr. Collo. Meese
Mr. Waymans

Mr. Waymans reports he hath found a person who hath a Pinke[4] of about 130 Tunns whereof he is sole owner, and will be content that Capt. Walker shall goe Master and hee will give him Masters Wages.

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[1] See pp. 111, 163, n. 2.

[2] Operating under a charter granted by King Charles II in 1672.

[3] See pp. 115–16.

[4] For a description of a pink see *H.B.S.*, V, xxx.

Whereupon It is Ordered That the said Mr. Waymans and the rest of the Members of the Committee who were appointed to looke after a Shipp doe visitt the said Vessell and treat with the owner and make report thereof to the next Committee.

Adjourned till Wednesday next afternoone.

*Att a Committee Wednesday* 23*d February* 1680/1
*Present*

N.S. February 23, 1681

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|---|---|
| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Collo. Meese | Mr. Waymans |
| Mr. Craddock | |

Order'd That Mr. Letton doe pay to Mr. Samll. Lamott the summe of 12*s*. being the rest of an old Acco. due from the Compa. as Mr. Walker hath acquainted Mr. Letton.

Ordd. That Mr. Craddock Mr. Letton and Mr. Waymans or any two of them doe examine Mr. Bayly's Accot. and make Report thereof to this Committee in order to make Speedy and just satisfaccion.

Capt. Sheppd.[1] presenting himselfe as willing to serve the Company haveing formerly been in their service. It is agreed with him he shall serve in some quality that the Company shall thinke fitt under the Wages of 50 *li*. p. Ann. to commence the 10th of Aprill next and in the meane time he is to be allowed 5*s*. a Week for his Subisistance and 5 *li*. is to be Lent him upon the credit of his wages for putting him into cloaths and other necessaries and to this Agreemt. he here sets his hand. Thomas Shepard.

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[1] Captain Thomas Shepard. For a biography see *H.B.S.*, V, 251–2.

And Mr. Hayward is to pay him his 5*s.* a Week and Mr. Letton the 5 *li.*

John Abraham presented himselfe willing to serve the Compa. under the wages of 4 *li.* p. Month and it is agreed he shall enter into pay the 10th Aprill.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

N.S.
March 2,
1681

*Att a Comittee the 2d March* 1680/1
*Present*

Sr. Jas. Hayes
Collo. Mees
Mr. Waymans
Mr. Craddock

Ordered That Mr. Palmer and Mr. Stacy doe provide 250 Gunns of the Three sorts they formerly made in equall proporcions and their respective Names to be putt at length upon the Guns they shall make.

That Collol. Mees haveing shewne his samples of the Tobacco he provided for the Company the last yeare and they appearing to hold good It is Order'd that hee provide 4000 wt. of the same for the present Expedicion at the price of $5\frac{3}{4}$*d.* and to deliver the same cleare of all charges on board the Shipp.

Order'd That Charles Wilmott Cooper doe prepare the Caske for the present Expedicion, haveing been long employed in the Service of the Company provided he furnishes the Cask at such reasonable rates as shall be accepted by the Sub Committee.

And it is resolved that such persons who have been formerly Employed in preparing Goods and Trade for the Company shall be preferred before any others provided they doe it as perfect of its kind and as cheap as any others.

Capt. Walker haveing presented himselfe to the Committee as desireouse to serve the Company in the next Expedition and will submitt himselfe to pleasure of the Committee in all things it is accepted and he is directed to attend the Sub-Committee from day to day.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

N.S. March 9, 1681

*Att a Committee the ixth March* 1680/1
*Present*

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mr. Waymans |
| Sr. Chro. Wrenn | Mr. Craddock |
| Collo. Meese | Mr. Letton |

It being proposed whether Two Shipps shall be sent at this time of lesser burthen rather then one great Shipp: upon a full Debate of the thing it is Resolved that one Shipp onely shall be sent on the next Expedicion and the Sub Comittee is to looke out accordingly for a shipp fitt for the Service.

Capt. Walker proposes a Shipp called the *Diligence* Mar. Raynsford Owner which hee thinks may be fitt for the Service of about One hundred and fifty tonn burthen whereupon hee is directed to give Mr. Rainsford notice to attend the sub-Committee to morrowe to treat about it.

That Mr. Stone doe prepare Duplicates of the Instruccions Invoices and Bills of Loading and all other Papers that were sent the last Voyage for the Factory that soe they may be ready to be sent by the next Shipp.

The Agreemt. with the sub Committee hath lately made with Anthony Akeroyd for the furnishing of Beefe and Porke for the next Expedicion is confirmed by this Committee as also their Agreement with Robert Curtis Meale man.

The Sub Committee is to take into consideration the quantity of the Severall Species of Goods and other Provisions that are to be furnished for the next Expedicion and accordingly to bespeake and agree for them and Mr. Stone is to present to them a Paper of all things that were Sent the last Voyage for their guide and direction.

Adjourned to this day sevenight.

N.S.
March 16,
1681

*Att a Committee* 16*th March* 80/1
*Present*

Sr. Jas. Hayes
Mr. Waymans
Mr. Craddock
Mr. Letton
Collo. Meese

Order'd That Colonell Mees and Mr. Waymans doe inspect Mr. Baylies Accot. upon Munday next in the Morning at the Committee Roome and Sr. James Hayes is desired to engage Mr. Walker to attend at the same time and place with his Bookes and Papers for the adjusting of that Account and Mr. Stone is to attend at the same time.

Ordered That the next day of the Meeting of the Committee shall be upon Thursday come Seavenight and soe to be continued upon that day of the Week as being more convenient then Wednesday.

Sr. James Hayes being to goe into the Country Sr. Christo. Wrenn is nominated to supply the place of Depty. Governour in his absence.

To morrowe at Five a clock in the afternoone is appointed to seale the Deeds between Mr. Tindall[1] and the Company for the Money to be advanced.

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[1] *The Little London Directory of* 1677 lists " Walt. Tindall " as a merchant of Bunhill. A.15/1, fo. 32d., July 9, 1681, " Henry Meese apart Dr. to Sundry

That assoone as the said Writings are executed the Two thousand pounds which is to be advanced by Mr. Tindall shall be paid in to Mr. Meese and Mr. Waymans and when that sume shall be drawne from them by Order of the Committee then the Money subscribed to be advanced by the Members of the Company shall be drawne from them by 500 *li.* at a time as the occasions of the Company require it.

The Pattent of the Company is to be lodged in the Custody of Aldermn. Morrice.[1]

Ordered That assoone as the Writings are sealed the Debts of the Company shall be discharged out of the Money lent and advanced.

Adjourned till to Morrow 5 a Clock afternoone.

*Att a Committee* 17*th March* 1680
*Present*

N.S.
March 17,
1681

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Collo. Meese | Mr. Craddock |
| Mr. Waymans | |

The Writings were Examined and the seale of the Company by Order of this Committee was sett to the Indenture whereby the Money is borrowed for the next Expedicion, And the

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Accos. . . . for money received of severall psons. vizt.: To Walter Tindall being $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Bond of £2000 dated the 16 February last for 12 ms. at 6 p. Co. the other £1000 was received p. Mr. Gerrard Weymans as heereafter will appeare." Ibid., fo. 33d., September 1, 1681, "Gerrard Weymans apart Dr. to sundry accos. . . . for money received of Severall Persons vizt. . . . To Walter Tindall for the other halfe of the £2000 bond at Interest . . ." See p. 163, n. 2.

[1] Alderman John Morris was a fellow-apprentice and partner in business with Sir Robert Clayton. He was not personally a stockholder in the Hudson's Bay Company. The Charter was held by him as security for the loan just raised. See pp. 106, 169.

Deeds declaring the uses are to be sealed by Aldern. Morrice and Mr. Webb[1] who are the parties that are mentioned to advance the whole summe of Five thousand one hundred and twenty pounds[2] though in truth they have advanced Two thousand pounds only and the rest is advanced by severall of the Members of the Company by the proporcion of Forty pounds p. Cent and Mr. Stone is Order'd by Order of the Committee to signe and Deliver the said Writings in the behalfe of the Company.

March 25, 1681

*March* 25*th* 1681 *att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mr. Craddock |
| Collo. Meese | Mr. Letten |

The Charter partie is signed by all the parties in pursuanc of an Order of Feb. 9 Whereby the sub Committee Vizt. Collo. Meese Mr. Craddock Mr. Letton and Mr. Waymans were impowered to agree for a Vessell for this present Expedicion and the Charter party being by them signed and sealed is delivered into the Scrittore of the Company and this Committee approves and allowes of the same and the Company are hereby engaged to save them harmeless.

In pursuance of the Order of the 16th instant Mr. Meese and Mr. Waymans report that they have received each their 1000 *li.* that is 2000 *li.* in all, which was borrowed of Mr. Tindall.

Ordd. That Colonell Meese doe pay to Mr. Francis Rainsford 150 *li.* being soe much to be advanced to him by Agreemt. upon the Charterparty.

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[1] This Mr. Webb has not been identified.

[2] The original amount to be raised amounted to £4,200. See pp. 102, 103, 105. For particulars of the £5,120 raised see p. 162, n. 3.

Ordd. That Mr. Gerrard Waymans pay 40 *li.* to Mr. Usher for procuration money and 5 *li.* for the Writings.

Memdm. That a time be set a part at a fuller Committee to consider how the persons who have signed the Charter parties of this yeare and the last May be indempnified by some engagemt. of the stock of the Compa. or otherwise.

Orderd. That Aldn. [John] Morrice doe pay unto Aldern. John Bents the summe of 120 *li.* for 100 *li.* by him formerly lent to the Compa. out of such Moneys as is advanced by Sr. Robt. Clayton for this Expedicion first deducting what shall appeare to be due to the Compa. from the sd. Aldr. Bents upon our Bookes of which Mr. Stone is Ordd. to give him an Accot.

Ordd. That Mr. Hen. Meese doe pay to Francis Mosely 20 *li.* upon Accot.

Ordd. That Cololl. Mees doe pay to Mr. Stone 10 *li.* upon Accot. of Salary.

Adjourned to Friday next.

*Att a Committee 15th Aprill 1681*
*Present*

April 15, 1681

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| Sr. Jams. Hayes | Cololl. Mees |
| Sr. Chro. Wrenn | Mr. Letton |

Ordered That Mr. Letton doe subscribe all the Bills of parcells to Cololl. Mees and Mr. Waymans for them to pay for Goods bought for the use of the Company by any of the Sub Committee.

That Cololl. Mees doe pay unto Mr. Garrett[1] 76 *li.* 2*s.* 6*d.* and take up the Bond which was sealed by Mr. Craddock and Mr. Letton Dated 31 May 80.

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[1] No record of the transaction with Mr. Garrett has been traced.

That Mr. Letton doe buy Bricks and Tyles for the use of the Factory a Moyety of what was sent the last Voyage.

An Account being brought in of severall Summes of Money which had been formerly advanced by some of the Members of the Committee for which they were to have Interest till our Lady day last and noe longer and upon stating their severall Accounts it appearing that there was due to Sr. Christo. Wrenn 107 *li.* 10*s.* To Cololl. Meese 107 *li.* 10*s.* To Mr. Waymans 164 *li.* 13*s.* 3*d.* To Mr. Letton 427 *li.* 00. 00*d.* To Mr. Craddock 386 *li.* 7*s.* 10*d.*

It is thereupon Ordd. That Cololl. Meese out of the Money in his hands Doe pay to Sr. Christo. Wren his 107 *li.* 10*s.* and retayne 107 *li.* 10*s.* 00 for his owne satisfaction and bring both to the Accot. of the Company.

And That Mr. Waymans out of the Money in his hands doe pay unto Mr. Craddock his 386 *li.* 7*s.* 10*d.* and to Mr. Letton his 427 *li.* and that he doe retayne 164 *li.* 13. 3*d.* for his owne satisfaccion and bring the said Summes to the Account of the Company.

Ordd. That Mr. Letton and Mr. Craddock doe pay the severall summes of Money by them to advance for the next expedicion to Mr. Waymans and that Sr. Christo. Wren doe pay the Money by him to be advanced to Cololl. Meese.

Ordd. That Mr. Waymans doe pay unto Mr. Letton 12 *li.* x*s.* for the Rent of the Committee roome and 10*s.* for Mr. Lettons servants.

The Minute Booke for the last yeare ending the 25th Novemb. 1680 being examined at the Board to see how often each Member of the Comittee chosen for that yeare did attend the service to the end they might receive the reward of 6*s*. 8*d*. each pson. for every dayes attendce. and it appearing that the whole summe due Amots. to 136 *li*.

It is Ordered That Mr. Waymans doe pay the respective proporcions of every person taking their respective Receipts for the same.

Adjourned till Tuesday next.

*Att a Committee the* 19*th Aprill* 1681
*Present*

April 19, 1681

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes Dty. Govr. | Sr. Chro. Wren |
| Mr. Letton | Mr. Waymans |
| Colll. Meese | Mr. Craddock |

Cololl. Meese and Mar. Waymans were called upon to shew what they had done conformable to the Order of the 16th March last in relacion to Mr. Baylies Account They Report they have Examined the Account and have made a rough Draught of it, and by Friday next they will be ready with it faire drawne and what appeares upon the foot of the Account to be due to him shall be paid to his Widdow and Relict.

Mary Orchard the wife of Thomas Orchard applied to the Committee for Money for her husbands wages who is in the service of the Company under the Wages of 12 *li*. p. Ann. and it appearing that his Wages was paid only to Midsommer 1679

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto the said Mary Orchard the summe of 40*s*. for which she is to give her receipt.

Order'd That the Order of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the sending of all Provisions and Materialls for the use of the Factories in Hudsons Bay Custome free be Entred in the faire Booke of Orders after the Coppie of the Letters Pattents of Incorporacion.[1]

Adjourned to friday next Three a Clock afternoone.

April 22, 1681

*Att a Committee Friday the* 22*th Aprill* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Waymans |
| Mr. Letton | Sr. Cristo. Wren |
| Mr. Craddock | Cololl. Meese |

Order'd That Colonell Meese doe pay unto Thomas Plant and John Abell who are Attorneys of Governor Nixon, the summe of Twenty pounds for and towards the Maintenance and support of his Daughter, and is to be brought to Account in part of the Wages of the said Mr. Nixon.

A Particular being presented by Mr. Letton and Mr. Craddock of all such provisions Stores Implements and Materialls as were Ordered to be Shipt on Board the Shipp *Dilligence* for the use of the Forts Collony's and Factories in Hudsons Bay

Sr. James Hayes hath underwritten his Certificate and Subscribed the same as Depty. Governor, to the end that they may pass Custome free at the Custome house the form of which subscription is to be Entred with the Docquett of the particulars in the Booke of Letters.[1]

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[1] See p. 106. Shaw, *Calendar of Treasury Books* 1681–1685, (London, 1913), Part I, p. 79, March 12, 1681, "Treasury warrant to the Customs Commissioners to give the Hudson's Bay Company the like privilege that the East India Company and Africa Company and other Companies of merchants have, by their charter, for the shipping out, customs free, of the clothes, provisions, victuals, arms, ammunition, implements and materials necessary for the maintaining and defence of their forts, colonies and factories : but no such materials or provisions are to be shipped off without passing a warrant for the same." The "faire Booke of Orders" containing a copy of the Charter is not in the Company's archives.

Adjourned till Tuesday next 3 a Clock afternoone.

*Tuesday 26th Aprll.* 1681 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

April 26, 1681

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Mr. Waymans | Mr. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | |

Mr. Waymans and Cololl. Meese haveing Reported to this Committee that some difficulties have occurred to them In relation to Mrs. Baylies Accot. which renders them unable to make an exact state of it

It is Ordd. That the first Committee after the Departure of the Ship that business shall be brought to a final issue, and Mrs. Bayly shall [2] her satisfaction in what remaines due to her of which Mr. Stone is to give her notice.

Whereas by the Agreement by Charterparty between Mr. Raynsford and the Sub Committee the said Master Raynsford is Obliged to make the Shipp *Diligence* ready to Sayle out of the River of Thames by the last day of this instant Aprill and whereas the Goods of the Company are not all yet ready to be Shipt

It is Ordd. That farther time be given to the said Mr. Raynsford for the departure of the said Shipp untill the Tenth day of May next of which Mr. Stone is to give notice to Mr. Raynsford and Mr. Hayward is to draw up an Instrument to that purpose to be signed by the said Mr. Raynsford and the Sub Committee who signed and sealed the Charterparty.

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[1] There are no such entries in the Letter Book A.6/1, which is the only one for the period in the Company's archives.

[2] There is a blank space in the original, A.1/2, fo. 42d., and in A.1/4, fo. 13, the word is indecipherable.

Agreed with Capt. Richard Covell and he is to goe for Hudsons Bay in the present Expedicion as cheife Mate under the Comand of Capt. Nehema. Walker on board the Ship *Diligence* now bound thither at the wages of 5 *li.* p. Men.

Richard Covell.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe provide 2 hogshds. of Leafe Tobacco for the present Expedicion.

Adjourned till friday next 3 a Clocke in the Afternoon.

April 29, 1681

*Att a Committee Friday* 29*th Aprill* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Craddock |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | Cololl. Meese |
| Mr. Letton | Mr. Waymans |

Mr. Polling Attorney of Mr. Walter Farr attended this Committee and made it his request that he might receive 50 *li.* which was due to the said Mr. Farr when the *John and Allexander* returned from the Bay It is

Ordered That Mr. Waymans doe pay him the said Fifty pounds he haveing promised to send all things necessary for the said Mr. Farr upon the Shipp *Diligence* which now goes under the command of Capt. Nehema. Walker.

Ordered That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Mosley the Taylor 20 *li.* upon Account.

Ordered That Capt. Walker have 40 *li.* paid by way of

Advance in part of the Gratuity which is intended him by the Committee at his returne which 40 *li.* Cololl. Meese is to pay him and he is to give his Receipt for the same as part of his Gratuity.

Ordered That Mr. Hayward doe prepare a Copie of the Charterparty with Mr. Rainsford and Capt. Walker to be sent with the Shipp *Diligence.*

The Letters and Instructions[1] which are now prepared for the Governor Nixon and Capt. Greenway were read at the Board and approved of and Sr. James Hayes is desired to get the same fairely engrossed and to attend the Prince at Windsor for his hand and allowance.

Adjourned till Munday 3 a Clock afternoone.

*Munday the 2d May* 1681 *Att a Committee* May 2, 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Cololl. Meese | Mr. Waymans |
| Mr. Craddock | |

Sr. James Hayes Reports to the Comittee that he hath attended his H. Prince Rupert at Windsor and that he hath perused the Letters and Instructions prepared for the present Expedicion and hath approved and Signed them.

Capt. Sheppard haveing behaved himselfe Ill since he was entertained into the Service of the Company is now dismissed the Imployment and he is to be set downe Debter to the Company for what he hath received since he was first agreed with.

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[1] The original letters and instructions are not in the Company's archives, but copies dated June, 1681, are in A.6/1, fos. 11d.–13d.

The present Members of the Committee signed the Letters and Instructions for the present Expedicion.

Order'd That Cololl. Meese doe pay to Charles Wilmot 10 *li.* upon Account.

Adjourned till tomorrowe 3 a Clock afternoon.

May 3, 1681

*Tuesday 3d May* 1681 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letton | Colo. Meese |
| Mr. Craddock | |

Ordered That Colloll. Meese doe pay unto Mr. James the Clerke the Summe of Thirty six shillings and three pence being in full of what is due to him to this day Exclusive.

That an Order be drawne upon Sr. Robert Cleyton to pay unto Robert Curtis Mealeman 161 *li.* 18*s.* 00*d.* and unto Lawr. Saunderson Gunnsmith 40 *li.* 00*s.* 00*d.* as part of the Money which the said Sr. Robert is to advance of his 40 *li.* p. Cent for the borrow'd Money for the present Expedicion.

Sr. James Hayes is desired to gett an Order for a Convoy.[1]

Adjourned till 11 a Clock Thursday next.

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[1] England was not at war, but the menace of pirates from the Mediterranean made organized protection of shipping in certain areas desirable and necessary. See p. 80, n. 1.

*Thursday 5th May* 1681 *Att a Committee* May 5, 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letton | Colo. Meese |
| Mr. Craddock | |

Ordered That Master Craddock doe buy a Quarter Caske of the best Mallago Sack to be sent this Voyage to the Governor in Hudsons Bay.

That Master Letton doe buy a quantity of Turnery Ware and Latten Ware for the use of the Factories And Mar. Ely is to buy a convenient quantity of Small Cordage Canvas and Twine for the use of the small Vessells in the Bay.

Ordered That Master Waymans doe send on Board the Shipp *Diligence* a Caske of Noremburgh Toyes[1] to be sent this Voyage and wee are to give him the prime Cost for the same.

Adjourned till tomorrow 3 a Clock afternoone.

*Friday* 6 *May* 1681 *att a Committee* May 6, 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Mr. Craddock | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Meese | |

Ordered That Colloll. Meese doe give himselfe Credt. upon his Accot. for 40*s*. which was paid by him yesterday to the Shipps Crew of the Ship *Dilligence* and 10*s*. which was paid by him to the Cooke of Mr. Raynsford who then invited and entertained the Committee on Board the Shipp, and 10*s.* which paid boat hire.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 12d., Governor and Committee to John Nixon, London, June, 1681, " . . . we have likewise sent a Cask of Noremberg Toys for Childrens Play Games to make an experiment how such things will take with the Indians."

Ordered That Colloll. Meese doe pay unto John Abraham 40*s.* as a gratuity and 8 *li.* more which the Company Lends him for fitting out himselfe for the present Expedicion for which 8 *li.* he is to give his Obligacion to Sr. James Hayes to pay it out of his Wages which shall be first due.

Ordered That Mr. Waymans doe pay unto Richard Clarke[1] 40*s.* as Atturney and upon the Accot. of Samll. Huxford who is in the Bay and is his Sonn and went into the Bay with the *John and Allexander.*

Adjourned till Monday 3 a Clock in the afternoone.

May 9, 1681

*Tuesday*[2] *the 9th May* 81 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Cololl. Meese |
| Mr. Letten | Mr. Waymans |
| Mr. Craddock | |

Capt. Walker haveing signified to Cololl. Meese that hee intends to be to morrowe at the Custome house for the Cleering of the Shipp *Diligence*

Ordered That Mar. Stone doe call upon Mr. Raynsford the Owner and give him notice to be at the Custome house at 10 a Clock in the morrowe morning for that purpose.

Mr. Gorst whose Sonne Benja. Gorst is now in the Bay in the Service of the Company desires that if his Sonn inclines to

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[1] In A.1/4, fo. 15d., A.14/3, fo. 117d. and A.15/1, fo. 33d., Huxford's attorney is given as Ruth Clarke, his mother.

[2] May 9, 1681, was a Monday.

Returne the next yeare 1682 That hee shall have Liberty so to doe and Master Stone is to signifie as much to Governor Nixon.

Mr. Stone is to goe to Mr. Pellings and to overlooke the Chest of Goods and necessaries that hee hath provided to send over to Mr. Farr and that Capt. Walker doe upon Mr. Stones note Receive the Same on Board the *Diligence*.

Capt. Walker is to receive on Board a Deale box Marked B.N. which is for the use of Mr. Bryan Norbury now in the Bay, the Box haveing been veiwed by the Committee.

*Wednesday* 18 *May* 1681 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

May 18, 1681

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Sr. Chro. Wrenn | Mr. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | Mr. Waymans |

The Committee examined who of the Company had paid the Money they were to advance for the present Expedicion and Order was taken to whome the respective persons that have not paid should pay what they are to advance respectively and thereupon it is Ordered That Mr. Stone doe drawe up Orders against to morrowe 10 a clock in the morning for the Committee to Signe.

That Cololl. Meese doe pay to Wm. Trulock Thirty shillings for his veiwing and trying of the Gunns that were sent to Hudsons Bay this yeare and the last yeare.

Adjourned till to Morrow 10 a Clock at the Blew Coat Coffee house in St. Swithins Lane.

May 19, 1681

*Thursday 19th May* 1681 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Cololl. Meese |
| Mr. Craddock | Mr. Waymans |
| Mr. Letton | |

Mr. Stone haveing produced Orders ready drawne for the payment of the severall Summes to be Advanced by the Partnrs. for the present Expedicion they were all Signed accordingly.

Ordered That Master Stone doe give notice to Mrs. Bayly that shee be at the Committee upon Thursday the 2d day of June at which time her Account is to be adjusted all other business sett apart and she is to be then paid what shall appeare due unto her.

Sr. James Hayes being to goe into the Country hee doth nominate Sr. Christopher Wrenn to supply the place of Depty. Governour in his Absence.

Adjourned till Thursday the 2d of June[1] 3 a Clock afternoone.

June 15, 1681

*The 15th June* 1681 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

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| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mr. Craddock |
| Cololl. Meese | Mr. Yonge |

Mr. Letton haveing proposed to give 50*s*. for the Lists of the Cloaths that were bought for the present Expedicion It is consented unto and he is to give Creditt to the Company for the said Fifty shillings.

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[1] June 2 was a Tuesday. The next record of a meeting is that on June 15.

Ordered That Sr. Robert Cleyton doe pay unto John Bence Esqr. the Summe of One hundred twenty six pounds two Shillings in full of all his Demands upon the Company.

Mr. Waymans not being present this day at the Committee Ordd. That Cololl. Meese Mr. Letton Mr. Craddock and Mr. Waymans doe Meet to morrowe at the Committee Roome for the adjusting of Mar. Bayly's accot. which 4 persons shall be a Committee for that purpose. And Sr. James Hayes is desired to engage Mr. Walker to attend them with his Bookes and Vouchers relating thereunto and that he shall have 6*s.* 8*d.* for his paines.

Adjourned till Wednesday next 3 a Clock afternoone.

*Thursday* 23 *June* 1681 *Att a Committee*
*Present*

June 23, 1681

Sr. Jas. Hayes Dty. Governr.
Mr. Letton
Mr. Craddock
Mr. Waymans
Cololl. Meese

The Sub-committee who were appointed the last Committee day to inquire into Mrs. Baylies Account being called upon to make their Report

They doe Report accordingly that they find by a Receipt under Mrs. Baylies owne hand bearing Date the 20 Febry. 79 she then received the summe of Fifty pounds from the hand of Mr. William Walker in full of what was then due to her husband, and from that time they find there hath been paid upon the Account of Mr. Bayly for which he is made Debtor in the Bookes of the Company 100 *li.* 16*s.* 00*d.*

They likewise find the said Mr. Bayly Debtor for severall Goods belonging to the Company disposed of by him as appeares by severall Depositions and Informacions for which he never gave any account to the Company to the Summe of 828 *li.* 15*s.* 6d.

They likewise find him Creditor for 311 *li.* 2*s.* 2*d.* due to him at the time of his last coming out of Hudsons Bay.

Ordered That Mr. Stone doe deliver Mrs. Bayly a Coppy of the Account agreeing with this Report.

Adjourned to Tuesday next 4 a Clock afternoone.

June 28, 1681

*Tuesday* 28 *June* 1681 *att a Comittee*
*Present*

Sr. Jas. Hayes
Cololl. Meese
Mr. Waymans
Mr. Craddock
Mr. Letton

Mrs. Bayly attended and made her Objections to the Accot. but shee appearing dissatisfied with the Account made her by the Committee noe end was made with her.

Ordd. That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Sr. James Hayes 24 *li.* 2. 5*d.* for a Bill of Expence made by him for procuring the Order of Sending the Companies Goods and Provisions for Hudsons Bay Custome free And for procuring an Order for a Convoy and for some other particular charges in Accot. delivered to the Committee.

Ord. That Mr. Waymans doe pay unto Mr. Stone the summe of 15 *li.* upon Accompt.

Adjourned till Thursday 21 July 3 a Clock afternoone.

*Att a Committee Friday 7th Octob.* 1681
*Present*

October 7, 1681

Sr. James Hayes
Collol. Meese

Mr. Craddock
Mr. Waymans

Capt. Draper & Capt. Powre with others being arrived with their Shipps It is Ordered That William Bashford Cooper doe goe on Board the *Albemarle* and that Jeremy Griffith doe goe on Board the *Rupert* to remaine there as Wayters[1] for the Company.

Ordered That the Bill of 6 *li.* drawne from Falmouth on the Company by Capt. Draper payable to Mr. Hill be paid by Cololl. Meese and by him brought to Account.

Ordered That the next Committee day which is to be Munday next at 3 in the afternoone Mr. Stone doe present to the Committee an Account of what money is in the hands of Cololl. Meese Mr. Weymans and Mr. Letton.

That Cololl. Meese doe pay unto Capt. Thomas Draper Tenn pounds upon Account.

That the Bill lately drawne from Falmouth by Capt. Power upon the Compa. for 50 *li.* be Accepted and paid by Cololl. Mees and placed to the Accot. of the said Capt. Power.

That Capt. Draper haveing informed the Company of severall Goods on Board his Shipp which is private Trade.

Ordered That he doth take care they be brought on Shoare and secured with the Companies Goods.

Adjourned till Munday 3 afternoone.

[1] Doubtless to "prevent all Frauds and Embezelments". See p. 11.

October 10, 1681

*Att a Committee* 10*th Octob.* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes Dty. Presidt. | Sr. Chro. Wren |
| Mr. Waymans | Cololl. Meese |
| Mr. Craddock | Mr. Letton |

Ordered That Mr. Letton doe pay unto Mr Waymans the summe of 200 *li.* which is part of what remaines in his hand And Mr. Waymans is desired and Ordd. to Pay the Customes of the Goods which are now arived in the *Rupert* and *Albemarle* hee haveing in his owne hands 126 *li.* 16*s.* 8*d.* As appeares by his Account.

Ordered That Mr. Letton doe prepare his Accot. with the Company against Wednesday next.

Mr. Waymans haveing Reported that hee had seene a Warehouse at the Still yard fitt for the present Service of the Compa. and that hee had if the Committee consented thereunto agreed for the same at 17 *li.*[1] p. Mens. And that wee shall give a Months warning before wee leave it The said Agreemt. is consented to by this Committee and Mr. Waymans is desired to perfect the same.

Ordered That Capt. Draper and Capt. Power doe bring their Shipps to the Customhouse Kay[2] to the end they may be unloaded without Lighters.

Ordered That Mr. Ely doe take care both of our Shipps the *Rupert* and *Albemarle* and Stores and dispose of the Stores into such hands as hee thinks fitt only the Cask are to be delivered to Charles Wilmott.

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[1] In A.1/4, fo. 19d., this amount is correctly given as 6 *li.* See p. 171, n. 1.

[2] The original Custom House stood on "Customers'-key" to the east of the present building in Lower Thames Street and was, therefore, nearer Tower Wharf. See Wheatley, *London Past and Present*, I, 487–8.

Ordered That our Sale of our Coate and Parchmt. Beavors and other Furrs be made upon Wednesday the 9th of November and Mr. Stone is to take care that the notice of it may be putt upon the Exchange to morrowe.

Adjourned till to morrow 3 a Clocke afternoone.

*Att a Committee* 11*th Octob.* 1681
*Present*

October 11, 1681

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes Knt. | Mr. Craddock |
| Sr. Chro. Wren Knt. | Mr. Letton |
| Mr. Waymans | Sr. Robt. Viner Knt. |

Ordd. That Sr. James Hayes be desired to addresse his Highs. Prince Rupert to appoint a Generall Court upon Tuesday the Fifteenth of November for the choosing of the Governor Depty. Governor and Committee.

Ordered That Mr. Stone our Secretary doe not deliver any Paper or Booke relating to the Company without leave of the Committee to any person whatsoever that is not of the Committee.

That an Order be prepared agt. the next Genll. Court Importing that noe Member of the Committee who is an Accomptant to the Company doe Transferr his share in the Generall Stock or any part thereof but at a Committee.

Ordd. That all manner of Goods on Board the Shipp the *Prince Rupert* and the *Albemarle* be brought into the Companies Warehouse at the Still yard and not delivered out till they are viewed.

Adjourned till to morrowe 3 a Clock afternoone.

October 12, 1681

*Att a Committee* 12*th October* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Craddock |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mr. Waymans |
| Mr. Letton | |

Severall Letters[1] which came to the Company this Voyage were delivered to Sr. Chro. Wren, and Mr. Craddock and Sr. James Hayes to Read them and to Report the contents of them to the next Committee.

Mr. Waymans Mr. Letten and Mr. Craddock Report to this Committee that the Shipps the *Prince Rupert* and the *Albemarle* are brought up to Buttolphs Wharfe,[2] but they will beginn to Deliver them to morrowe.

Resolved That there shall be a Shipp[3] built against the next Expedicion to remayne in the Bay, the burthen not to exceed 35 Tunns. And Mr. Eeles is to be directed by Mr. Stone to attend the Committee upon Friday next to be discoursed upon this Subject.

Adjourned till to morrowe 4 a Clock in the afternoone.

October 13, 1681

*Att a Committee Thursday* 13*th Octob.* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Craddock |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Waymans | |

It being Reported to this Committee that the *Albemarle* is unloaded and all the Goods and Chests of the Seamen are taken up and putt into a Warehouse to be inspected Thereupon it is

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[1] These letters have not been traced.

[2] Botolph's Wharf. See *H.B.S.*, V, 27n.

[3] See pp. 131, 137, 140–1, 201.

Ordered That Mr. Waymans Mr. Craddock and Mr. Letten doe inspect and Search the said Goods and Chests and if they finde any private trade that they make Report thereof to the Committee that such Order may be taken therein as shall be thought fitt, and for their goods that are not trade they may in their discretion deliver the same.

Adjourned till to morrowe 4 a Clock in the afternoone.

*Att a Committee Friday* 14*th Octob.* 1681
*Present*

October 14, 1681

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Waymans | Sr. Chro. Wren |
| Mr. Craddock | |

Mr. Waymans Mr. Craddock and Mr. Letton Reports that the greatest part of the *Prince Ruperts* Cargo is unloaden this day and the chests that were left on Board the *Albemarle* are search'd and Ordered to be Delivered there being nothing of private Trade found in them, to morrowe morning the rest of the *Prince Ruperts* Cargo will be delivered and the chests and Beds searched.

Mr. Ely appearing at the Board and accepting of the charge of husband for the next Expedicion It is

Ordered That Mr. Ely doe imediatly goe on Board the *Albemarle* and make strict search for private Tokens and private Trade, and that he causes that Shipp and the *Prince Rupert* when she is cleared to be carried to such convenient births as he shall thinke fit.

And hee is likewise to consider of a fitt person to build us a New Vessell of 35 Tonns[1] and cause him to come to the

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[1] Ibid.

Committee as soone as may be that wee may treat with him upon that Subject.

Mr. Ely haveing been on Board the *Albemarle* Reports that he finds noe private Lockers, but that the Shipp is as it was at first.

Adjourned till to morrowe 10 in the Morning.

October 15, 1681

*Att a Committee Saturday* 15*th Octob.* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Jas. Hayes | Mr. Craddock |
| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mr. Letton |
| Mr. Waymans | |

Mr. Waymans Mr. Craddock and Mr. Letten Report that the *Rupert* is fully delivered, and that all our Parchmt. Beavor is brought into our Warehouse except Nineteene bundles which are damaged and not yett overlooked by the Surveyor of the Custom house.

Mr. Letten haveing presented a paper of severall particular Goods the Samples whereof are thought fitt to be sent for to France[1] after the next Expedicion It is

Ordered That Mr. Letton doe send for the same as soone as may be.

Sr. James Hayes being to goe into the Country he desires Sr. Chro. Wren to supply the Chaire in his Absence, and Wednesday and Friday are thought fitt for the Committee dayes.

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[1] The type of goods sent for on this occasion is not known. The Company obtained goods from France at least as early as 1671. See p. 177 and *H.B.S.*, V, 59, 173, 175.

*Att a Committee Wednesday* 19 *Octob.* 1681
*Present*

October 19, 1681

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| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mr. Craddock |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letton | |

Upon considering the Policy[1] some difficulties being started It was resolved that Councell should be Advised with concerning the Words of the Policy and the present State of our affaires in relacion to the Ensurance of the two Vessells[2] and Mr. Letton and Mr. Craddock are desired out of hand to repaire to some able Lawyer for advice (takeing Mr. Haywood with them) and to report the Opinion of Councell to the next Committee.

Sr. Robert Vyner acquainting the Committee that he had transferred his Interest to Mr. Adams,[3] and his indisposicion not permitting him to come to the Committee It is Ordered that Mr. Stone may carry the Booke[4] to Sr. Robert to be signed notwithstanding any former order.

Ordered that Mr. Haywood doe appoint a Meeting of the Committee with the Ensurers at the Fleece Taverne[5] in Cornehill on Munday next one a Clock and Mr. Weymans is desired to bespeak Six dishes for Dinner.

Adjourned till to Morrow 3 a Clock.

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[1] This presumably refers to the insurance on the *Prudent Mary*. See pp. 91, 92, 93, 134–5.

[2] The *Prudent Mary* and the *Prince Rupert*.

[3] Edward Adams of London, merchant, held this stock until June 22, 1683, when he assigned it to Charles Sergison of London, gentleman.

[4] The Book of Assignments of Stock, A.43/1.

[5] The Golden Fleece. See *H.B.S.*, V, 56n.

October 20, 1681

*Att a Committee Thursday 20th Octob.* 1681
*Present.*

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| Sr. Chro. Wren | Mr. Craddock |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letton | |

Mr. Cradock and Mr. Letton report that they Enquired of Councell and received their Opinion concerning the Ensurance which they are ready to give Account of when the Committee shall require it.

Whereas severall of our Men who returned by the last Vessells did Trade with the Indians in case of great want of Comodities at the Governours Desire to content the Indians selling to them their owne Blanketts and cloths of which the Governor hath given full Account in his Letters[1] to the satisfaccion of the Committee It is Ordered that the Skins shall be brought to the Warehouse and not returned to the Owners in Specie but in money to their content as Mr. Wymans shall agree with them, or Mr. Letten & Mr. Craddock or any two of them.

Adjourned to Munday 1 a Clock at the Fleece in Cornhill.

October 24, 1681

*Att a Committee Munday* 24*th Octobr.* 1681[2]
*Present*

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| Mr. Young | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letten | Mr. Cradocke |

Having mett with the Assurers concerning our Losse on the

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[1] Governor Nixon's letters have not been found in the Company's archives. His report on the events of 1681–82 is in the archives of the Royal Society. See Appendix A, pp. 237–304.

[2] The writing in the Minutes Book changes with the entry for October 24. See p. 15, n. 2.

*Prudent Mary*[1] we adjusted the matter both of that Ship and the *Prince Rupert*[2] vizt. That the Insurers should pay unto the Company 10 dayes after the date heereof 30 p. Ct.[3] of what each man hath subscribed and they to renounce to the Company all the Goods that are or shall be saved.

It is agreed That Mr. Weymans doe carry the Damag'd Beavor into the Company's Warehouse together with what ever Goods & Chests are in the Custome house Warehouse.

Ordered That Mr. Cradock doe pay what the charge of the Dinner provided for the Insurers amounts to which shall be allowed in his Accompt.

Adjourned till Wednesday 26th ditto.

*Att a Committee Wednesday 26th Octob.* 1681
*Present*

October 26, 1681

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| Sr. Chr. Wren | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Weymans |

Mr. Weymans & Mr. Cradock having taken a new Warehouse for the Damaged Beavor out of consideration that the Smell of them might prejudice the Sale of the best Beavor & having agreed for 3 Pounds for a Month what they have don is allowed.

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[1] No account of this incident has survived in the Company's archives, but apparently the *Prudent Mary* was wrecked on Tetherley's Island in 1680 after having taken the homeward cargo on board. See p. 147, n. 2.

[2] No details are known of the insurance of the *Prince Rupert.*

[3] See pp. 91, 92, 93. A.15/2, fo. 18–18d., April 14, 1682, "Stephen Evens & Compa. are Drs. to Accte. Insurance £1695. Ordered them to receive of these Persons Following with whome the Compa. agreed with them for 30 p.c. for a losse in Capt. Richard Greeneway [*Prudent Mary*] . . ." There were fifty-three underwriters interested and the full insurance amounted to £5,650. Of the underwriters the following were stockholders in the Hudson's Bay Company at the time the insurance was effected: John Tyssen, Nicholas Hayward, Sir James Hayes, and Francis Tyssen, senior.

The discharge of the Custome house affaire is left to Mr. Cradock as concerning the cleering of the Cargoe.

Ordered That the Captaines of the Vessells doe forth with give an Account of the Stores in their respective Vessells and what Goods they have aboard returned out of the Country and that Mr. Ely doe receive the same into his charge and his acknowledgemt. shall be the Captaines discharge & Mr. Stone is to give a Coppy of this Order to each Captaine & to Mr. Ely.

Memorandum Whereas information hath beene given to the Committee of Goods sent by the *John & Alexander* which fall short of th' Invoice It is ordered That Mr. Walker be desired to give an account of the same.

Severall Seamen applying themselves for their pay Mr. Stone is ordered to take their names and prepare their accounts and a day shall be sett to heare them all.

Adjourned till Friday 4 a Clock.

October 28, 1681

*Att a Committee Friday* 28*th October* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Letten[1] |
| Mr. Weymans | |

There being a Book[2] now sent over from the Bay containing an Account of what Goods the Servants of the Company in the Country have taken out of the Stores for the Supply of their Occasions

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[1] The entries for October 28 and 31 appear to have been confused in the volume A.1/2, fo. 49–49d., from which the above Minutes have been transcribed. The entries given here appear under October 31, 1681, in the Minutes Book A.1/4, fo. 25–25d., and in that book Letten is not listed as being present at the meeting of October 28.

[2] This book is not in the Company's archives.

Ordered That Mr. Letten & Mr. Cradock doe forthwith looke over the said Booke and sett a reasonable value on the Severall Species of Goods they have taken up & present it to the Committee for their confirmation that defalcation may be made for the same out of their wages.

Ordered That Mr. Letten doe not faile to make up his Account with the Company against Wednesday next and to present it then to the Committee.

And That Mr. Stone doe call upon Coll. Meese for the Ballance of his Account which is due to the Company and that it be paid to Mr. Weymans.

Mr. Cradock is desired to write to Mr. Ely (who is not well) to inquire into his condition and to direct him if he be able to attend the Committee on Wednesday next with the Builder he intends to imploy in the building of the small Vessell[1] of 35 Tunns which was formerly ordred to be built.

Mr. Wilkinson having enformed that the Goods will not be ready for sale upon the 9th of November as was formerly intended

It is Ordered That Wednesday following being the 16th of Novembr. shall be the day of Sale and that Mr. Stone doe prepare Tickets accordingly to be sett up on the Exchange and Mr. Byfeild and Mr. Wilkinson are desired to attend the Committee upon Friday next to advise at what rates the Lotts shall be sett up and with what advance of which Mr. Stone is to give them notice and he is to expresse in the said Tickets that Wednesday the ninth of November the Goods shall be exposed to veiwe untill the day of the Sale.

Mr. Weymans is to cause 2 moose skins to be delivered to Richd. Taylor & 2 pr. of Beavor Mittens to Sam. Pary which they brought over with them.

[1] See pp. 140, 141, 201.

Mr. Byfeild coming just now to the Committee & enforming us that there is a Sale of New Yorke Beavor[1] intended to be made upon Tuesday next come Sevennight It is thereupon Resolved that the Sale of the Company's Goods shall be made upon Wednesday the ninth of November as was first intended & Mr. Stone is to prepare Tickets accordingly.

Mr. Bredgar presented to the Committee Some Indian arrowes.

Adjourned till Wednesday next 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.[2]

October 31, 1681

*At a Committee* 31*th October* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Weymans | |

There being a Booke now sent over from the Bay containing an account of what Goods the Servants of the Company in the Country have taken out of the Stores for the supply of their occations.[3]

Mr. Lucas desired his Goods and some consideration for himselfe and Men that saved the Goods It is Ordered That Mr. Lucas shall leave a note of his Goods with Mr. Stone and the Committee will resolve farther and that they will consider the men in some Degree.[1]

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[1] Traded by the English colonists of New York from Iroquois middlemen. Their competitors, the Huron, Ottawa and other middlemen, traded with the French on the St. Lawrence. *Cal. S. P., Col. Series, America and West Indies*, 1675–76, pp. 220–1, April 29, 1675, "An account taken from Mr. Harris of New England", "... to England they bring beaver, mouse, and deer skins, sugar and logwood, and carry hence cloth and ironwares ..."

[2] In A.1/4, fo. 24d., the adjournment on Friday, October 28, is given as "till Munday 31st".

[3] This is part of the resolution already printed on p. 136.

Capt. Greenway and Mate Lucas reported the whole Storey of the Miscarriage of the Vessell.[2]

Capt. Greenway desiring his Clothes Mr. Weymans is desired to speake to speake to his Kinsman to see they are only Clothes and Necessary's and deliver them.

Mr. Knight desired his Clothes Mr. Vanderbusse[3] is desired to inspect them and deliver them He gives a good Account of th' Estate of the Country both Indians & Factory's.

The Dutchman[4] That helped to save the Goods is ordered 40*s*. Mr. Weymans desired to pay him.

Mr. Guyer desiring his Goods & Furr'd Coates he is answered he shall have money for his Furrs and Clothes and Bedding shall be delivered Mr. Vanderbusse having inspected them He gives a good account of the Slood.[5]

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[1] This and the following resolutions are entered under Friday, October 28, 1681, in the Minutes Book, A.1/4, fo. 24d.

[2] The *Prudent Mary*. See p. 135, n. 1.

[3] No information concerning this man has been found.

[4] Presumably Mr. Vanderbusse.

[5] Slude or isinglass, a firm whitish semi-transparent substance, is a pure form of commercial gelatin, which is obtained from the swimming bladder or sound of several species of freshwater fish, especially the sturgeon. The principal use of isinglass is for clarifying wines, beers and other liquids, and its secondary use is for culinary and confectionery purposes. Eastmain River where it was first discovered was originally known as Slude or Isinglass River. See A. S. Morton, *A History of the Canadian West to* 1870–71 (London, 1939), p. 79. A.6/1, fo. 5d., " Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1689 ", " *Wee hope to hear by the next return, that you have made some farther discovery of the Ising glasse, and that you will send us a quantity of such as may answer the great things Mr. Baily hath said concerning that commodity*. And if it proves answerable to expectation, you must build a Fort, and always have some able hands where it grows to prevent any attempt of the French there. And for as much as the place where Mr. Baily found it is situate so near Rupert's River as it appears to be, Wee judge it necessary that you always keep up that old Factory It being a kind

Ordered That Mr. Cradock shall have power to disburse Twelve pounds seventeene shillings for Secret Service[1] Suggested by Mr. Young for the benefit of the Company.

Adjourned to 2d Novembr. next 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.[2]

November 2, 1681

*At a Committee 2d Novemb.* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Young | Sr. Cr. Wren |
| Mr. Cradock | |

Mr. Ely being Ill hath sent to the Committee Mr. John Taylor as a fitting Ship Carpenter to build a new Ship[3] of 35 Tunns for to goe into the Bay in the Service of the Company and he proposes to build her 34 Foote by the Keele and 14 Foote & an ½ broad that shall not in her Draught of Water exceed 5 Foote laden she shall be built of 2 & ½ Inch

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of an Outwork to prevent any inroad of the French upon that part of the East Main, from whence that sort of commodity is principally expected. There is another sort of Ising Glasse wch. Mr. Baily told us of wch. is not of so great value, but may perhaps be made use of, if it may be easily gotten, as he thought it might. It is found in great abundance as he hath informed us up in Moose River near the Shore, and he did intend to have made floats at the proper Season of the year, and to have brought down great quantities of it. It will slake like Lyme, and hath been made use of for mortar to point our houses at the grand Factory. The Natives call it the male kind of that sort of commodity, as the other the Female. Wee desire you to be mindfull of this thing amongst others, for wee hope in time you may send it home as Ballast, And when the use of it is known, it may turn to some good account there."

[1] Pierre Esprit Radisson was in London during the summer of 1681 trying to discover the Company's plans, so it is possible that these expenses for "Secret Service" were connected with him. See Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 177. Cf. Introduction, p. xxxv.

[2] In A.1/4, fo. 25d., the adjournment on Monday, October 31, is "till Wednesday next 3 a Clock afternoone".

[3] The vessel named the *Craven*. See p. 201.

Plank without board she shall have no sapp Timber in the Decks.

And the Price he demands is 5 *li.* p. Tunn.

Whereupon It is Ordered That Mr. Ely doe prepare a Contract accordingly to be presented to the Committee.

The Committee have considered and resolved upon a Forme of the Tickets to be forthwith Printed against the Sale and ordered Mr. Stone to write out a faire Coppy for the Presse.

Adjourned till Friday next 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.

### *At a Committee 4th Novemb.* 1681[1]

November 4, 1681

It hath been offred to debate whether the Vessell we are to build shall be built with 3 Masts or a Smack Saile.[2]

Resolved she shall be built with 3 masts.

The Contract with the Builder was read and agreed.

Mr. Ely having brought an Account of what Goods and Provisions belonging to the Company are found on board The *Rupert* & *Albemarle* It is ordered That he sell all the Provisions for the best advantage of the Company And the returned Guns broken and whole the 2 paire of hand Screwes And the Clock they are to be brought to Mr. Lettens house to be inspected and to be disposed off as the Committee shall think fitt.

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[1] A.1/4, fo. 26d., lists those being present at this meeting as Sir James Hayes, Sir Christopher Wren and Messrs. Yonge, Weymans, Cradock and Letten.

[2] A smack was commonly furnished with one and a pink with three masts. See Burney, *Universal Dictionary of the Marine . . . by William Falconer.*

And as for the Severall Goods that are said to belong to Capt. Greenway on board both the said Ships Mr. Ely is to keep them on board the Shipps as they now are untill further order.

It being taken into consideration to whome the Bonds at the Sale should be made payable for

Resolved There should be 3 Setts of Bonds prepared & printed The first for the 52 Lotts of Parchment Beavor the Bonds shall be made payable to Mr. Temple &ca.

The Second for the 6 Lotts of Stage Skinns the 3 Lotts of the small Beavor The Lott of the Damaged Coate and Parchment Beavor and the Bundle of Peices The 3 Lotts of Vissers[1] Skinns Th' One Lott of th' Otter Skins th' One Lott of the Catt[2] skins The 2 Lotts of the dressed Elk skinns The 2 Lotts of the undressed Elk Skinns The 4 Lotts of the Broken Old Beavor Skins & peices The 4 Lotts of the Damag'd Coate Beavor The 10 Lotts of the best Damag'd Coate Beavor.

The Bonds are to be made payable to Mr. Percivall[3] and Mr. Evans.

The 3d for the 32 Lotts of Coate Beavor the Bonds are to be made to Mr. Cooke and Cary.[4]

Ordered That Mr. Stone doe present to the next Committee an Account of what Mr. Ely hath received from the Company in satisfaction for his Service.

Adjourned till Munday 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.

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[1] Fisher (*Mustela pennanti*), a member of the weasel family, black in colour, and producing valuable fur.

[2] Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), a genus of mammals of the family *Felidae*. Their skins are of considerable value in the fur trade.

[3] See p. 105, n. 1.

[4] Price, *Handbook of London Bankers*, p. 44, "Cook and Cary. Thomas Cook and Nicholas Cary were goldsmiths keeping running-cashes at the Griffin, in Exchange Alley, in 1677 . . ."

### *At a Committee 7th Novemb.* 1681[1]

November 7, 1681

It being Ordered That Notice should be given to Mr. Jacobson that the Company intends to relinquish his great Warehouse Mr. Weymans reports that on Saterday last being the 5th instant he had Notice thereof.

It is further Ordered That Mr. Weymans gives Mr. Jacobson warning that the Company intends to leave the little warehouse at a months warning according to agreement.

It is Ordered That Mr. Stone doe imediately cause 4 quire of Paper to be printed of the Bills of Sale according to the late direction of Mr. Bifeild.

There being some Bonds presented to the Committee for their approbation they Ordered That 4 Quire of Paper be printed after that same forme.

It is left to Mr. Letten and Mr. Cradock to manage the Sale of our Parchment Beavor.

It is desired That Mr. Young doe send an Expresse to Sr. James Hayes that he would not faile to meete the Committee to morrow about 3 and 4 a Clock in the Afternoone to consult about important affaires relating to the Sale and also that the said Notice be given to Sr. Christopher Wren.

Adjourned till Tuesday the 8th November 1681.

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[1] A.1/4, fo. 27d., lists Sir James Hayes and Messrs. Yonge, Weymans, Letten and Cradock as being present at this meeeting.

November 8, 1681

*At a Committee 8th November* 1681[1]

The Bonds for Sale are Printed according to the Order of the Committee of the 4th Instant and are filling up by Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Cradock is desired to take care that Mr. Willmore who assisted at the Candle the last Sale be attending to morrow at the Sale and Mr. Letten to borrow Formes and Chaires for the Bidders And that the same Porters who assisted at the Scale the last Sale shall doe so now and Mr. Letten is to direct them to bring their Scales and Weights.

Ordered That after the Sale no Goods shall be weighed or delivered out but in the presence of Mr. Letten Mr. Weymans & Mr. Cradock or any two of them and Mr. Stone is alwayes to be attending And the said Mr. Stone is to be at the warehouses to morrow morning at the Opening of the Doores for Shewing of the Goods and to call upon the Porters which Mr. Letten hath spoke to to be there also to attend in each warehouse.

Mr. Hayward is to have notice that the Committee doe desire him to attend at the Sale to fill up the Blanks in the Bonds.

Sr. James Hayes and Mr. Cradock are desired to choose 3 dozen Bottles of Sack and 3 dozen Bottles of Claret to be given to the Buyers at the Sale.

And the Dinner to be bespoke at the Stillyard[2] and Mr. Stone is to bespeake a good Dish of Fish a Loine of Veale 2 Pullets and 4 Ducks.

The Preamble which shall be read at the Sale is agreed by which the Buyers are to pay one fourth part of their Money in 14 dayes and the rest on or before the 9th December and those who shall pay their whole money on or before the said 9th December shall have one p. Cent allowed for prompt payment and they shall also be allowed one pound Draught to every Lott and no more.

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[1] A.1/4, fo. 28, lists Sir James Hayes, Sir Christopher Wren and Messrs. Letten, Cradock, Yonge and Weymans as being present at this meeting.

[2] For the cost of this dinner see p. 171, n. 2.

Adjourned till to morrow 10 of the Clock.

*At a Committee 9th Novembr.* 1681 *Wednesday Morning*

November 9, 1681

*Present*

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| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Sr. Cristr. Wren | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Letten |

Whereas the 3 last Lotts of broken old Beavor skins and Peices are set up in our Printed Papers at 2*s.* p. pound It is now thought fitt and so ordered That it shall be declared at the Candle and set up at 1*s.* p. pound.

And for as much as it hath beene given out that wee are in Expetation of another Ship this Yeare and shall have another Sale It is to be declared at the Candle that the Company doth not expect any other Ship this Yeare and That they will not sell any other Goods before Michaelmass next but what are now exposed.

And Whereas there are about 60 Damag'd Otter Skinns which are not mencioned in the Printed Papers they are to be expressed in the Preamble and to be set up at the Price of 1*s.* a peece.

November 9, 1681

*After the Sale in the Evening 9th Novr.* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Letten |
| Sr. Chr. Wren | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Young |

The Whole Cargo of Goods being sold all the Bonds were looked over and compared with the severall notes taken by the Members of the Committee and thereupon ordered that they should be lockt up in the Cabinet belonging to the Company and delivered to Mr. Letten to keepe the key thereof and also the Key's of the warehouses.

Ordered That Mr. Cradock and Mr. Letten doe take care that all the Lotts in the warehouses be bound up immediately and weighed at the same time and an Account thereof to by given to the Committee and Mr. Young to attend it as much as he can.

And Mr. Letten is desired to get the Sand to be sifted and the wooll[1] that shall be found therein to be saved for Sale and Twenty shillings is to be given by Mr. Letten to his Servants.

Ordered That Mr. Onesephorus Albin be taken in to the Service of the Company as their Secretary and that he doe attend Mr. Weymans Mr. Letten & Mr. Cradock and that they sett him upon the businesse of the Accounts of the Company & Mr. Stone is to be his Assistant and the buisnesse of his Salary shall be taken into consideracion as soone as the Committee shall think convenient.

Adjourned till Munday next 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] See p. 165, n. 1.

*At a Committee Munday 14th November 1681*
*Present*

November 14, 1681

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Letten |
| Sr. Chr. Wren | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Weymans |

Mr. Onesephorus Albin is sworne into the Compas. Service to be there Secretary And It is ordred That he doe as soone as may be make up the Accounts of such Servants of the Company as are now come home to the end they may be paid what was due to them and Mr. Stone is to assist him at the Cabinet & deliver him such Bookes as are necessary for the making up of the Accounts.

Mr. Albin is to buy 10, or 12 Peeces of Red Cloth this weeke such as we use to make Coates for the Indians and he is to attend Mr. Weymans for instrution.

Thomas Wilkinson is to get Patterns made of such Hatchets as he judges fit for the Country and to present them to the Committee upon Friday next.

Samuel Oake Gunsmith is to provide 3 Patterns of the 3 sorts of Gunns which are fit for the Country & present them to the Committee next Wednesday come Sennight.

Mr. Farr is to have his Beavor Stones[1] delivered to him which he brought now home.

Mate Lucas having presented himselfe to the Committee for some reward for his Service in Saving the Beavor that was cast away at Tetherly's Iland[2] as also for the Boateswaine and 3

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[1] An obvious error for beaver skins. When Farr was engaged for the Company's service in 1674 he was apparently allowed a certain amount of private trade " except for beaver ". See *H.B.S.*, V, lix, 88, 89.

[2] Tetherley's Island, north of Charlton Island, James Bay, where the *Prudent Mary* was wrecked. See p. 135, n. 1.

Seamen that assisted him It is Ordered That the Boate Swaine shall have 6 *li.* the 3 Seamen £5 apeice in full for their Gratuity & Mate Lucas shall have £10 in part for his Gratuity and his perticuler Service is to be taken into farther consideration another time.

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.

November 16, 1681

## *At a Committee Wednesday 16th November* 1681[1]

Sr. James Hayes is desired to let his Highnesse Prince Rupert know that the Committee have thought fitt to appoint Saterday come sevenight being the 26th of this instant November at 10 in the morning to be a generall Court for the choosing of the Governor Deputy Governor & Committee wherein his Highnesse pleasure is to be sought and to be reported to this Committee on Friday next.

Ordered That Mr. Knight Mr. Bredgar and Mr. Guyer shall have Twenty pounds apeice in part of their wages for the supply of their present occations upon account.

Mr. Raynsford having presented to the Committee a Bill from Capt. Power for Fifteene Pounds Eight Shillings without Capt. Powers hand to it It be enformed by Mr. Weymans & Mr. Cradock That Capt. Power did owne the Bill before his Death the Committee being satisfied of the truth & justice of it have accepted the said Bill and have ordered the payment of the said £15. 8.

And the Pilotage and Port charges of the Ship *Dilligence* is to be adjusted betweene Mr. Raynsford and Mr. Weymans and the Company's proportion according to the Charterparty is to be allowed.

Adjourned till Friday 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.

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[1] A.1/4, fo. 30, lists Sir James Hayes and Messrs. Yonge, Cradock, Letten, Weymans and Sir Christopher Wren as being present at this meeting.

*At a Committee Friday* 18*th November* 1681
*Present*

November 18, 1681

Sr. Ja. Hayes
Sr. Chr. Wren
Mr. Young
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten

Mr. Laurence French[1] Transferr'd to Mr. John Cudworth[2] Two hundred pounds being his whole Share in the Stock of the Company.

Ordered That Notes be drawne on Mr. Temple for the payment of 20 *li.* apeice to Walter Farr and John Raynor[3] upon Account and 20 *li.* to Elizabeth Cobbie Mother and Atturney of Capt. Walsall Cobbie & to Richard Pepper 16 *li.* 16*s.* 7*d.* and to Michael Grimington 20 *li.* 16*s.*

Mr. Letten is to take care for the Printing of Tickets to be sent to all the Members of the Company in order to the Generall Court which is to be held upon Saterday come Sevenight the 26th Instant at Prince Rupert's Lodgings in Whitehall.

Adjourned till Munday 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.

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[1] A.43/1, fo. 26, February 28, 1681, Edward West of London, merchant, assigned £200 stock in the Hudson's Bay Company to Lawrence French of London, merchant. Ibid., fo. 28, November 18, 1681, Lawrence French transferred his whole share of £200 to John Cudworth of London, merchant.

[2] See Appendix C, p. 336.

[3] John Raynor, surgeon, who had served in the *Prince Rupert* and in Hudson Bay.

November 21, 1681

*At a Committee Munday* 21*th November* 1681
*Present*

Sr. Ja. Hayes
Mr. Young
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten

Ordered That Notes be drawne upon Mr. Stephen Evans dico Cooke and Cary to pay £29. 17. 4 to George Hunter & £25. –. 10 to William Thaxter and £47. –. 2 to Daniel Lane and to Edward Westall £32. 1. 3 and to William Morgan £19. 11. 10.

Ordered That Notes be drawne upon Mr. Stephen Evans and Company to pay £47. –. 10 to Thomas Savage and £29. 17. 7 to Hugh Conway and £19. 12. 9 to George Bilton and £47. 10. 4 to David Jenkins and £66. 13. 3 to Caleb Stocker & £43. 5. 2 to Mr. Richard Hinton and £70. 8. to Thomas Nelme and £47. 9. 4 to Thomas Porker and £15 to Joseph Stace Atturny of Richard Lewis now in the Bay.

Ordered That Mr. Stone doe give Mr. Ely notice that he is to deliver to Capt. Greenway all his wearing apparell both woollen and Linnen which came home upon the Ships *Rupert* and *Albemarle* or either of them and nothing else.

Adjourned to Wednesday next 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.

*At a Committee* 23*th November* 1681
*Present*

November 23, 1681

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| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letten | |

Ordered That Notes be drawne upon Mr. Stephen Evans and Company to pay to

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| Richard Lucas | £10. | 10. | – |
| Charls Elmore | 31. | – | 11. |
| Isabel Mason | 10. | – | – |
| William Bradford | 42. | 10. | 11 |
| John Egremon | 76. | 3. | 11 |
| John Lock | 53. | 7. | 5 |

Elizabeth Nalridge wife of Richard Nalridge having applyed her selfe to the Committee for her Husbands wages upon a Letter of Atturney which she now produced But Thomas Wilkinson who is now returned from the Bay having informed the Committee that she hath had severall Bastards since her said Husband went away and that he did desire him when he came out of the Country to request the Committee to pay no more of his wages to his said wife It is therefore ordered That no more money be paid to his said wife without a fresh authority from her said Husband.

Ordered That a bill be drawn upon Mr. Evans to pay £20 to Capt. Draper upon Account and £4 to Gregory Archer who was cast away in the *Prudent Mary* Governor Nixon having certified he was usefull as a Carpenter in the Country.

Adjourned till Friday 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.

November 25, 1681

*At a Committee 25th November* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Sr. Chr. Wren | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Weymans |

This Day being appointed for all the Members of the Company to bring in their Votes for the Election of the Committee they were brought in accordingly and sealed up to be presented to morrow at the Generall Court.

Ordered That Mr. Letton doe deliver to Mr. John Hayes the Lott of broken Beavor which he bought upon the payment of his Money allowing him one p. Cent.

And That Mr. Cooke and Company doe pay to John Dalton £18. 7. 6 and to Margaret Coleman £7. 10. and to Elizabeth Streeton £24. 14. 6 and to John Dew £53. 15. 5 and to Thomas Wilkinson £79. 9. 2.

Ordered That Mr. Cradock doe make an agreement with Mr. Proudfoote who owes the Company £39 for the Insurance on the Ship *Shaftsbury* that was cast away upon the Islands of Scilly so that he gets of him £20 at the least.

Ordered That it be presented to the Generall Court that in the absence of the Deputy Governor foure Members of the Committee being assembled they shall have power to put any of their Number into the Chaire to make a Committee.

Ordered That Mr. Albin or Mr. Stone do for the future write all the Orders of the Committee in the Faire Booke of Orders [1] and That Mr. William James be paid off what is due to him so farr as he hath already written and that he be thereupon discharged our Service.

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[1] The writing in the Minutes Book (A.1/2) had already changed with the entry for October 24, 1681, and from that date until and including the entry for November 24, 1682, three weeks after Stone had been dismissed, the writing appears unchanged, so presumably it is in Onesiphorus Albin's hand for this period in spite of the fact that his engagement only dated from November 9, 1681. See p. 15, n. 2.

Adjourned till Munday 3 a Clock in th' afternoone.[1]

*At a Generall Court held at his Highness Prince Rupert's Lodgings in Whitehall 26th November* 1681

November 26, 1681

*Present*

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| His Highnesse Prince Rupert | Mr. Letten |
| The Duke of Albemarle[2] | Mr. Cradocke |
| Earle of Craven | Mr. Cudworth |
| Earle of Berkley[3] | Mr. Hildesly[4] |
| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Walker |
| Sr. Robt. Clayton | Mr. Bradley |
| Sr. Christr. Wren | Mr. Tyssen[5] |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Hayward |

The Governor Deputy Governor & Committee being to be Chosen the Ballet was taken & the Choice made as followeth.

His Highnesse Prince Rupert Governr.
Sr. James Hayes Depty. Governr.

*The Committee*

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| Sr. Christopher Wren | Mr. Cudworth |
| William Young Esqr. | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letten | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradocke | |

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[1] The Minutes Book, A.1/4, ends at this point.
[2] Christopher Monk, second Duke of Albemarle. See *H.B.S.*, V, 239.
[3] George Berkeley, Earl of Berkeley. See Appendix C, pp. 331–2.
[4] Mark Hildsly. See *H.B.S.*, V, 68n.
[5] Francis Tyssen, junior. See p. 93, n. 3, and p. 96, n. 3.

The Oath of fidelity to the Company was administred by his Highnesse Prince Rupert to Sr. James Hayes Depty. Governor & after that to all the rest of the Committee (except Mr. Weymans who was not present).

Ordered That when any Committee is appointed if any foure or more Members of the Committe appeare and the Deputy Governor be absent they shall choose one of their Number for the Chaire and the Orders made by them shall be as vallid as if the Deputy Governor were present.

November
28, 1681

*At a Committee* 28*th November* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Young | Sr. Christr. Wren |
| Mr. Cradocke | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Cudworth | |

Ordered That Mr. Cooke and Mr. Cary doe pay to Anne Clinton £6. 4. 8 and to Richard Borthwick £32. 7. 9 and to Martha Brounson £28. 11. 8 and to James Knight £68. 10. 4 and to George Guyer £47. 11. 1.

Ordered That Mr. Cradocke doe deliver unto Richard Pepper his two Moose skins & one Beavor skin which are in the Company's warehouse he having paid for the same in the Bay as appeares by Certificate.

Adjourned till Friday next 3 in th' afternoone.

December
2, 1681

*At a Committee* 2*d December* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Young | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradocke | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letten | |

Ordered That Thomas Cooke and Company pay Mr. Richard Cradocke £96. 13. 4 to be divided amongst the Committee for the Yeare last past according to each mans waiting.

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| For Sr. James Hayes | 50 Times | £16. | 13. | 4 |
| Sr. Robert Vinor | 1 | – | 6. | 8 |
| Sr. Cristopher Wren | 31 | 10. | 6. | 8 |
| William Young Esqr. | 23 | 7. | 13. | 4 |
| Mr. Meese | 31 | 10. | 6. | 8 |
| Mr. Letten | 51 | 17. | – | – |
| Mr. Cradocke | 53 | 17. | 13. | 4 |
| Mr. Weymans | 50 | 16. | 13. | 4 |
| | | £96. | 13. | 4 |

Ordered That Thomas Cooke and Company pay

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| Walter Farr | £40. | 2. | 2 |
| Edward Barnard Thomas Taylor's Atturny | 2. | 8. | 10 |
| John Baines for his Servant John Funter | 12. | 10. | 1 |
| Mr. Gillman[1] for pressing Cloth last Yeare | 4. | 2. | – |
| Thomas Wise Executr. of Capt. Richard Power | 195. | 11. | 8 |
| George Gorst for his son Benjamin | 11. | 12. | 4 |
| Mary John for her Husband Nicholas Johnson | 11. | 19. | 4 |
| Joane Harfoote Richard Mackarell's Atturney | 2. | 15. | – |
| William Walker Anthony Dowrick's Atturny | 20. | – | – |
| James Shaw for his Son John Shaw | 12. | 8. | 9 |
| Isabel Mason for her Husband Thomas Mason | 7. | 2. | 8 |
| John Raynor | 44. | 1. | 7 |
| Thomas Hallefeild for Christopher Raisebrooke | 8. | – | – |
| Thomas Backshall for Samuel Binks | 12. | 7. | 11 |

Mr. Gerrard Weymans Sworne one of the Committee.

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[1] According to A.15/2, fo. 9, December 1, 1681, payment was made to Mary Gillman. See p. 158.

Ordered Mr. Richard Cradocke Mr. Gerrard Weymans Mr. John Letten and Mr. John Cudworth or any two of them to be a Committee to inspect the severall Letters from the Governour and others at Hudson's Bay and conferr with the severall Factors that are come home and by their best Intelligence give the Committee an Account what Cargoe to provide against the next Spring.

Mr. Raynor moved to have his Beavor Skinns delivered him Now in th' hands of Mr. Gerrard Weymans the Committee gives him for answer they are resolved to stand p. their order the 20th October last.

Thomas Wise th' Executor of Capt. Richard Power desired a Bill of Charges now exhibited to this Committee be allowed him.

Ordered The said Wise bring to the Secretary Capt. Richard Powers Bookes and then they will consider of his request.

Adjourned till Wednesday next 3 a Clock in th' Afternoone.

*At a Committee* 7 *Decembr.* 81
*Present*

December 7, 1681

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Ger. Weymans |
| Wm Young esqr. | Mr. Nico. Hayward |
| Mr. John Letton | Mr. Jo. Cudworth |
| Mr. Ric. Cradock | Sr. Chris. Wren |

Ordered by this Committee that Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay those persons and Summs Following

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|---|---|---|---|
| Francis Rainsford | £23. | 08. | 3 |
| Abraham Jaggard | £ 4. | 14. | – |
| Sarah Browne for Henry Jackson | £14. | 11. | 9 |
| Tho. Hallefeild for Christopher Raisbrook | £ 1. | 16. | – |
| Abigall Tomlin for Jacob Robinson | £ 6. | 17. | 8 |
| Jo. Clapton for Tho. Archard | £15. | 6. | 8 |
| Jos. Stacy for Rich. Luis | £20. | 10. | 6 |
| Nico. Gold and Company | £21. | 17. | 3 |
| John Floods wife Sam. Huxfords deduc. | £ 1. | 04. | – |
| Sam. Oake | £60. | 06. | – |
| Wm. James for writing | £ 2. | 03. | 6 |
| Richard Lucas as a Gratuity | £15. | – | – |
| Edward Ely | £20. | – | – |

Ordered p. this Committee that Mr. Marke Broadfoote[1] who formerly insured £50 on the *Shasbury* Joseph Tompson Commander from Kinsale to London doe pay in unto Mr. Ste. Evens and Compa. £20 upon which the Secritary is to give him a full discharge under the Compa. Seale.

Edward Edmunds by his humble Petition desired to be Admitted againe into the Compa. servise as hott Presser and Packer which the Comittee granted upon condition he demeaned himselfe wth. Duty and respect to all the members of the Company especially to Mr. John Letten whome before the whole Committee he acknowlidged that he had offended and was verry sorry for the same.

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[1] An error for Proudfoot. According to A.14/4, fos. 43d., 81d., this amount of £20 was paid on December 9, 1681.

Ordered that Mr. Weymans be desired to goe wth. the Secritary to Blackwell Hall[1] to morrow morneing and buy ten Clothes whereof 5 to be reds and 5 blues not exceeding £9 p. Cloth and to be sent in to Mrs. Mary Gillmans House in St. Mary Axe[2] to be looked over and perched.[3]

Ordered that Capt. Tho. Drapers Account shall be made up from the 2 June 1680 from the time he broke ground[4] at Graves-End to the time of his discharge.

Ordered that Richard Lucas be paid £15 as a Gratuety for his great care and paines for Salvage of Goods out of Greenway.

Ordered that Edward Ely be paid for his service done this Compa. in the last yeares Voyage £20 and so to allow him in the future as often as the Company doe imploy him.

Adjourned untill Friday next.

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[1] Wheatley, *London Past and Present*, I, 92. Bakewell Hall, Blakewell, or Blackwell Hall, was on the east side of Guildhall, or on the west side of Basinghall Street. It was destroyed in the Fire of 1666, re-built in 1672, and demolished to make way for the Bankruptcy Court in 1820. A weekly market for woollen cloths was established in the Hall by the Mayor and Corporation in the reign of Richard II, and under an Act of Common Council, held August 8, 1516, this was to be the only market for woollens in London. Blackwell Hall became the mart for all English woollens except those of Yorkshire, which were bought and sold at Leeds. Cf. E. Lipson, *History of the Woollen and Worsted Industries* (London, 1921), and D. Defoe, *A Tour Thro' the whole Island of Great Britain . . .* [1722] with an introduction by G. D. H. Cole (London, 1927), II, 611–15. The profits or fees paid on the pitchings were given by the City to Christ's Hospital.

[2] A street running from Leadenhall Street to Houndsditch, in Lime Street ward.

[3] After leaving the loom and before being finished, the cloth is stretched on a frame, usually in a north light, and examined by the eye and hand for burs, knots or holes.

[4] I.e. when the *Albemarle* sailed from Gravesend. See p. 80.

December 9, 1681

*At A Committee* 9 *Decembr.* 1681
*Present*

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| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Nico. Hayward |
| Mr. John Letton | Mr. Ger. Weymans |
| Mr. Rich. Cradock | Mr. John Cudworth |

William Bond desires by Mr. Cradock to be Admitted againe into the Companies service at Hudsons Bay which the Committee agreed unto at £60 p. ann. to be imployed there in such service as the Committee shall thinke fitt.

The Committee being in consideration of makeing use of a warehouse for the takeing in of Goods for the Compa. service moved Mr. Letton to accomodate them with one against the next Committee Mr. Letton will resolve them and untill then the Committee doe suspend the takeing or makeing use of any other.

Isaac Reeds Accte. is to be made up according to the books at 35*s*. p. month.

Grace Ellis moved for her husband Ezekell Ellis (now at Hudsons Bay) to have some recompence for service done in the Factory. The Committee not finding him in their books to be their servant have suspended any recompence to be given him untill they have advice the Governor has received him into the Companys service.

Ordered that the Seamens Goods now in the warehouse be brought to Mr. John Lettons House as allso those Beavors in Mr. Weymans hands and to be sold and the mony to be divided amongst those Seamen to whome they belong.

Ordered that Mr. John Letton and Mr. Richard Cradock give unto Mr. Thomas Glover and Mr. Richard Gauthorne a full discharge under their hands and the Companies seale for all such monies as they have paid in unto the severall Goldsmiths for the severall Lotts they bought 9 Novembr. last.[1]

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[1] Their account in the Grand Ledger, A.14/4, fos. 47d.–48, is headed "Richard Gawthorne & Compa." and the following relevant particulars have been extracted:

| 1681 | Dr. | £ | s. | d. | 1681 | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 12 | To Coat Beaver 6 lots | 944 | 14 | 0 | Nov. 12 | By Rebate 1% on | | | |
| | ,, Parchment Beaver | | | | | £944. 14. 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| | 2 lots | 262 | 16 | 0 | | ,, Thos. Cooke & Co. | 935 | 5 | 0 |
| | ,, several lots | 635 | 8 | 10 | | ,, Rebate 1% | | | |
| Dec. 8 | ,, Small Beaver 1 lot | 94 | 19 | 8 | | £262. 16. 0 | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| | ,, Damaged Coat and | | | | | ,, Rebate 1% | | | |
| | Skin Beaver and | | | | | £635. 8. 10 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| | pieces | 78 | 6 | 0 | | ,, Stephen Evance & Co. | 629 | 1 | 8 |
| | ,, Stage Beaver 5 lots | 352 | 17 | 2 | Dec. 6 | ,, Rebate 1% | | | |
| | ,, Parchment Beaver | | | | | £526. 2. 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| | 25 lots | 3199 | 0 | 6 | | ,, Stephen Evance & Co. | 520 | 17 | 7 |
| | ,, Parchment Beaver | | | | | ,, Rebate 1% | | | |
| | delivered p. Wm. | | | | | £3199. 0. 6 | 31 | 19 | 9 |
| | Disher 14 lots | 1787 | 12 | 6 | | ,, Rebate 1% | | | |
| | | | | | | £1787. 12. 6 | 17 | 17 | 6 |
| | | | | | | ,, John Temple & Co. | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, | 3858 | 3 | 0 |
| | | | | | | ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, | 838 | 16 | 3 |
| | | 7355 | 14 | 8 | | | 7355 | 14 | 8 |

All the above skins were bought on November 9, 1681, The analysis given below is based on particulars in the Grand Journal (A.15/2, fos. 2–2d., 11–12).

| | Lots | lbs. | per lb. | | | | | | | | Rebate 1% for prompt payment | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Beaver, Coat | 3 | 660 | 14 | 6 | 478 | 10 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | 666 | 14 | 0 | 466 | 4 | 0 | 944 | 14 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Beaver, Coat (damaged) | 2 | 748 | 10 | 2 | 380 | 4 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 359 | 10 | 6 | 188 | 9 | 6 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 286 | 4 | 8 | 66 | 14 | 8 | 635 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| Beaver, Parchment | 2 | 584 | 9 | 0 | 262 | 16 | 0 | 262 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| Beaver, Parchment | 1 | 287 | 9 | 0 | 129 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 6 | 1747 | 8 | 8 | 757 | 0 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | 7 | 2041 | 8 | 10 | 901 | 8 | 10 | 1787 | 12 | 6 | 17 | 17 | 6 |
| Beaver, Small | 1 | 278 | 6 | 10 | 94 | 19 | 8 | 94 | 19 | 8 | | | |
| Beaver, Coat and Skin (damaged) and pieces | 1 | 174 | 9 | 0 | 78 | 6 | 0 | 78 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Beaver, Stage | 3 | 908 | 4 | 7 | 208 | 1 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 299 | 4 | 6 | 67 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 310 | 5 | 0 | 77 | 10 | 0 | 352 | 17 | 2 | | | |
| Beaver, Stage | 20 | 5822 | 8 | 10 | 2568 | 19 | 4* | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 288 | 9 | 0 | 129 | 12 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 589 | 8 | 8 | 255 | 4 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 577 | 8 | 6 | 245 | 4 | 6 | 3199 | 0 | 6 | 31 | 19 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | | 7355 | 14 | 8 | | | |

* An error of £2. 8*s*. 4*d*. in the Grand Journal. This amount should be £2,571 7*s*. 8*d*.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay unto Wm. Austin £2 as a Gratuity for service done the Company at Hudson Bay as appears by a Certificate now Exhibited to this Committee under Governor Nixons hands bearing date the 9 August 1681.

Upon the Reading of Capt. Richard Greenwaies letter[1] Dated 8 Novembr. 81 in which he desires to speake wth. the Committee without trouble or molestation by any. The Committee have granted his request and promised him not to molest him.

Adjourned till wednesday next.

*At a Committee the* 14 *December* 1681
*Present*

December 14, 1681

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| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Letton | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Cudworth |

Ordered that Isaac Reeds wages be made up and sent downe to his father John Reede.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay unto these persons and summs following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Diana Hall for Cobbie | £22. | 18. | 8 |
| To Grace Ellis Deductions | 4. | 15. | – |
| To Katherne Garland for Tho. Garland[2] | 23. | 18. | – |
| To Jeremiah Seamers wife Deductions for Richard Strutton | 1. | 19. | 6 |
| To George Guyer in farther part of payment | 30. | – | – |

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[1] This letter has not been traced.

[2] According to A.1/5, fo. 4d., and A.15/2, fo. 12d., this amount should be £33. 18*s*. 0*d*.

Mr. Meechim Executrix to Robert Meechim does Demaund the wages of John Meechim the Company haveing received a letter from the said John Meechim Dated 9 June 81 in wch. he desired the Company to keep in their hands all such monies and wages as is due or shall become due to him to which the Committee is resolved to comply wth. his desire.

This day Wm. Bond is admitted into the Companies service at the rate of £60 p. ann. to wch. he has given it under his hand to serve you.

Thomas wise Capt. Powers Executor his Accte. is to be perused and adjusted by Mr. Cradock Mr. Letton and Mr. Cudworth the Committee of Trade[1] or any two of them.

The Seamen to give an Account of what Goods the Company have in their hands and have ordered that all the drest moose skins be Delivered to them by the Secritary but the Furrs to be sold.

Such monies as have bin advanced by the members of the Company[2] The Committee have ordered that they that doe desire it shall be paid their mony with Int. at 8 p. C. from the Day it was lent unto the Day it be paid.

Adjourned Tell next Friday.

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[1] I.e. Messrs. Cradock, Weymans, Letten and Cudworth, or any two of them. See p. 156.

[2] For footnote see opposite page.

[2] See pp. 105–06, 111, 112. The following particulars have been taken from A.15/2, fos. 13–16d. and A.14/4, fo. 84d. Interest was calculated from February 17, 1681.

| | Stock held on February 17, 1681 £ | Advance 40% £ | Interest 8% £ | s. | d. | Paid 1681 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gerrard Weymans | 200 | 80 | 5 | 6 | 8 | Dec. 16, 23 |
| John Tyssen | 300 } | 120 } | 13 | 6 | 8 | Dec. 16 and 23 to Francis Tyssen, senior. Francis Tyssen, junior, held the £500 stock on December 16, 1681. See p. 93, n. 3, and p. 96, n. 3. |
| Francis Tyssen, senior | 200 } | 80 } | | | | |
| William Yonge | 900 | 360 | 24 | 0 | 0 | Dec. 16, 23 |
| Nicholas Hayward | 300 | 120 | 8 | 0 | 0 | ,, ,, ,, |
| James Foster | 150 | 60 | 4 | 0 | 0 | ,, ,, ,, |
| Stephen Pitts | 100 | 40 | 2 | 13 | 4 | ,, ,, ,, |
| Earl of Craven | 200 | 80 | 5 | 8 | 5 | ,, 21 |
| | | | | | | 1682 |
| Earl of Berkeley | 300 | 120 | 8 | 9 | 7 | Jan. 5 |
| Lawrence French | 200 | 80 | 5 | 13 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| John Cudworth | 300 | 120 | 8 | 9 | 7 | ,, ,, |
| Sir Robert Clayton & Co. | 700 | 280 | 21 | 0 | 7 | ,, 25 |
| Sir James Hayes | 750 | 300 | 24 | 0 | 0 | Feb. 17 |
| Richard Cradock | 800 | 320 | 25 | 12 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| George Baron | 300 | 120 | 9 | 12 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| John Bradley | 200 | 80 | 6 | 8 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| Soloman Hougham | 200 | 80 | 6 | 8 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| Christopher Yates | 200 | 80 | 6 | 8 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| Sir Christopher Wren | 200 | 80 | 6 | 8 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| Robert Boyle | 100 | 40 | 3 | 4 | 0 | ,, ,, |
| | 6,600 | 2,640 | | | | |
| plus amounts referred to below : | | | | | | |
| Henry Meese | 200 | 80 | | | | |
| John Letten | 1,000 | 400 | | | | |
| | 7,800 | 3,120 | | | | |
| Walter Tyndall | | 2,000 | | | | |
| | | 5,120 | | | | |

The Interest Account (A.14/4, fo. 84d.) was also debited with £106. 13*s.* 4*d.* paid to Walter Tyndall (see pp. 110, 169) on January 5, 1682, for £2,000 borrowed at 6 per cent. The only names missing in the Interest Account are those of Henry Meese and John Letten who, according to A.15/1, fos. 32d. and 33d., advanced £80 and £400 respectively.

December 16, 1681

*At a Committee* 16 *December* 1681
*Present*

Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letton
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Mr. John Wallop for Cloth | £34. | 10. | – |
| To Richard Pepper for Geo. Burwash | £2. | 13. | 2 |
| To Michaell Grymington a Deduct | £1. | 05. | – |
| To Geo. Hunter a Deduction | £11. | 05. | – |
| To John Haynes for Cloth | £43. | 10. | – |
| To Mr. Gerr. Weymans for his advance of £40 p.c. on his Stock wth. Interest | £84. | – | – |
| To Mr. Franc. Tisson the like | £210. | – | – |
| To Wm. Young esqr. | £378. | – | – |
| To. Mr. Nico. Hayward the like | £126. | – | – |
| To Mr. Stephen Pitts[1] the like | £63. | – | – |
| To Nico. Annet and the rest of the Porters | £22. | 4. | 6 |
| To John Taylor shipwright | £60. | – | – |
| To Mrs. Diana Hall for Capt. Cobbie a Deduction from Isaac Reed | £2. | 6. | 9 |
| To Mr. Poccok the wharfinger | £13. | 9. | – |
| To Mr. John Stone upon Accte. wages | £10. | – | – |
| To Wm. Bashford for cooperidg and watching on board | £3. | 6. | 8[2] |

Ordered that Mr. Weymans be desired to speake to Mr. Wilkinson to sorte out the Seamens Beavors now in Mr. Lettons warehouse and notice to be given to severall Furriers to veiwe it and on tuesday next to sell it and any two of the tradeing Committee be by and the swepings of the warehouse belongeing to the Company be then allso sold.[1]

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[1] Corrected to James Forster [Foster] in the Minutes Book, A.1/5, fo. 5.

[2] A.1/5, fo. 5, contains the additional entry : " To Stephen Pitts £42 ".

Adjourned untill next wednesday.

*At a Committee* 21 *December* 1681
*Present*

December
21, 1681

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. John Letton
Mr. Ric. Cradock
Mr. John Cudworth
Mr. Nico. Hayward
Mr. Gerr. Weymans
Sr. Christ. Wren

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Lucas a Deduction | £8. | 16. | – |
| Tho. Phips for Hugh Verner | £15. | – | – |
| Tho. Phips for John Vincent | £18. | – | – |
| Tho. Phiphs for Tho. Phips [2] | £64. | 13. | 4 |
| James Shaw a Deduction | £1. | 15. | – |
| Geo. Gorst a Deduction | £3. | 13. | – |
| Wm. Young esqr. a Deduction | £3. | – | – |
| Wm. Young esqr. for Robt. Sandford | £4. | 06. | 11 |
| Wm. Lord Craven for £80 advanced 17 February last upon his stock wth. 8 p. C. Int. for 10 m. and 5 Daies | £85. | 08. | 05 |
| John Dalton a Deduction | £1. | 10. | – |
| John Darling and Company the Stillyard Porters | £3. | 16. | 8 |

Capt. Tho. Draper moved to have his Account adjusted and paid which the Company are ready to doe provided he does make up a just Account of the Cargo he had with him to the

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[1] See p. 146. A.14/4, fo. 73, March 15, 1682, account headed: "Broken old Beavor", William Pittson paid the Company £2. 10*s*. 2*d*. for "the waste of the Warehouse".

[2] Thomas Phipps of London for his cousin, Thomas Phipps, in Hudson Bay. See p. 174.

River new Severne[1] and to that end he is to bring an Account thereof to the Secritary who is to peruse it and to give an Account thereof to this Committee.

Ordered by this Committee that Mr. Cradock be desired to make inquiery into the Attachment made by the Company on Capt. Greenwaies Pollies[2] signed by Mr. Gore and Mr. Witingam and that Mr. Travers the Atturny be consulted wth. all in this Affair.

Sr. James Hayes, Mr. Cradock and Mr. Weymans are desired to veiw a house fit for the Companies service to their business.

Mr. Nico Pickering haveing veiwed the severall samples of Izeing glass[3] recd. from Hudsons Bay the Committee ordered that he be desired to attend the Committee to confer with him aboute it.

Adjourned till Friday at 3 clock in the afternone.

December 23, 1681

*At a Committee* 23 *December* 1681
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. Ja. Hayes | Mr. Nico. Hayward |
| Mr. Jo. Letton | Mr. Ger. Weymans |
| Mr. Ric. Cradock | Mr. Jo. Cudworth |

Ordered that Mr. Cradock be reimburst 18*s*. he pd. at the George and Vulter[4] by Mr. Nico. Hayward.

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[1] See p. 73, n. 1.

[2] No information on the exact nature of the disagreement between the Company and Greenway has yet been found. See pp. 172, 178, 180, 195, 201.

[3] See p. 139, n. 5.

[4] The "George and Vulture", St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, is nowadays famous rather because Charles Dickens made it the favourite City headquarters of the fictitious but immortal Mr. Pickwick, than because its history dates back to the 12th century. The tavern in which Mr. Cradock paid the above reckoning was erected to replace the one destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666.

Ordered that the 2 beavor skins now in Mr. Haywards hands be given him as an acknowlidgment of his good service done the Company.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and summs following

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Wm. Norbury for Brian Norbury | £5. | 0. | 2 |
| To Mr. Stephen Pitts in full for Int. on his advance mony | £0. | 13. | 4 |
| To Mr. Nico. Hayward the like | £2. | – | – |
| To Ditto for Mr. James Foster the like | £1. | – | – |
| To Wm. Young esqr. the like | £6. | – | – |
| To Mr. Francis Tysson the like | £3. | 06. | 08 |
| To Mr. Gerrard Weymans the like | £1. | 06. | 8 |
| To Capt. Thomas Draper in further parte payment | £30. | – | – |

Mr. John Letton is moved to spare the Company ware house till such time as they can provide themselves better and promise to allow him dureing such time after the rate of £25 p. Ann.

Ordered that the Secritary deliver to Francis Mosely the Companies Taylor 6 ps. of Cloth now at Mr. Edmunds house the packer on wednesday next.

Mr. Ric. Cradock is permitted to have the Generall letter from Hudson Bay[1] recd. by the last ships and make returne of the same as soon as he can conveniently.

Mr. Evans and Compa. are desired to take care wth. all speed to gett in the mony from Mr. John Nanfan.[2]

Adjourned untill wednesday come sevennight.

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[1] This letter has not been traced.

[2] John Nanfan was one of the underwriters connected with the insurance on the *Prudent Mary* (see p. 135, n. 3), and the money to be collected by Stephen Evance & Company, was doubtless his share (£30) in respect of that transaction. According to A.15/2, fo. 66, this amount, still outstanding on June 13, 1683, was regarded as a bad debt. Nanfan was probably identical with the "Cap. Nunffan at the Insur. Office" listed in *The Little London Directory* for 1677.

N.S.
January 5,
1682

*At a Committee 5 January* 1681
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cudworth

Mr. Onesiphorus Albin being chosen Secretary of the Compa. the 14 November 1681 and noe agreement then made wth. him for his Sallery, Sr. James Hayes was desired to make an agreement with him, who now reporteing that he hath agreed wth. him for £80 p. ann. to commence from the time he was sworne into the Office and that in consideration thereof he undertakes to execute not only the parte of Secritary but allso to be husband[1] of the Company and to apply himselfe wth. his utmost industry to the service of the Company thereupon this Committee doe consent thereunto and confirme the said agreement.

Ordered that John Kingston make ready 200 kettles wth. all expedition from the bigest seize being 17 inches to the least seize of 5 inches.

Ordered that Francis Mosely the Taylor bring into Mr. John Lettons house all the mens coates he has ready and that the Secretary Deliver to him to Morrow 6 ps. of Cloth.

Ordered Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs folowing

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To George Earle of Berkly for his advance mony of £40 p. Cent on his stock wth. Int. | £128. | 9. | 7 |
| To Walter Tyndale[2] esqr. for mony borrowed of him 17 Feb. last beeing £2000 wth. Int. of the same to the 17 | £1106. | 13. | 4 |

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[1] His duties did not include looking after the ships because Edward Ely was still ships' husband. See p. 192.

[2] See pp. 112 and 163, n. 2.

Ordered that Mr. Tho. Cooke and Company pay

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|---|---|
| To Walter Tryndall esqr. in full for mony borrowed of him 17 Feb. last | £1000 |

Ordered that the Furrs and skins now at Mr. John Lettons house belonging unto the severall Seamen and Factors that came home the last ships be Delivered them back againe to each person to whome they doe belong by Albin and Stone when ever Demaunded.

Ordered that Stephen Evens and Company pay as

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|---|---|
| To Laurence French or his Order Mr. John Cudworth for his advance mony of £40 p. C. on his stock wth. Int. to this day | £85. 13. – |
| To Mr. John Cudworth the like | £128. 9. 7 |
| To James Knight in farther parte payment | £50. – – |

Ordered that its left to the Secritaries discretion to be buying in all good pennyworthes he can meet wth. in the woollen Manufactory wth. the Assistance of any of the Committee or the Drawer Richard Greeway.

Ordered that Mr. Nico. Hayward be desired to attend John Morris esqr. to take up the Pattent[1] now ingaged upon the mony borrowed of Walter Tyndall esqr. and that the receipt book be carried to Mr. Haywards shop[2] to take Walter Tyndalls receipt for the same.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

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[1] See pp. 106, 111, 200.

[2] On the Virginia Walk of the Royal Exchange. See 338.

N.S.
January 11,
1682

*At a Committe* 11 *January* 1681
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Christ. Wren
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Rich. Cradock
Mr. Nico. Hayward
Mr. John Letton
Mr. Gerr. Weymans
Mr. Joh. Cudworth

Ordered that Mr. Gerr. Weymans be desired to hire the house in Cloake lane over against Cutlers Hall[1] provided he can have it at the yearely rent as is now paid and noe higher fine then £100 and give reporte thereof the next Committee day.

Capt. Zachery Gilliam presenting himselfe to serve the Compa. in any capacity the Company shall Imploy him in. The Committe haveing considered he has bin an old servant and done the Company formerly good service have accepted of him and have ordered the said Gillam be taken into their service and Imployed and for his Incouragement doe promise to allow him £100 by yeare to commence from the day he breakes ground at graves end and for his present support to that time he shall be allowed 20*s.* by weake.

Ordered that John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

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|---|---|
| To Henry Toone for Cloth | £35 |
| To Tho. Plant and John Abell for the use of Governor Nixon | £40 |

Upon the humble petition of Rebeccah Kildale to have her husband Tho. Killdale be called home out of the Compa. service the Committee have granted her request provided Tho. Killdale be willing thereunto.

Tho. Walsh and Alce Walsh etc. doe likewise make their request in the behalfe of Tho. Walsh now at Hudson Bay wch. the Comittee have allso graunted.

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[1] Cutlers' Hall first occupied the site of No. 6 Cloak Lane. It was destroyed in the Fire of 1666, rebuilt on the site of No. 8 in 1667–68, and demolished in 1883.

Ordered the subcommittee for Trade meet on fryday morneing next to consider of what Cargo to provide against the next shipping.

Adjourned to Friday next.

*At a Committee* 13 *January* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
January 13,
1682

| | |
|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Letton |
| Mr. Weymans | |

Ordered Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Richard Mathew for Cloth | £40. | 15. | – |
| To Theodore Jacobson for warehouse roome at the Stillyard[1] | £18. | – | – |
| To Anna Hellina Challenger for a rekoning at her house[2] in Novembr. last as by her bill on the file | £5. | 05. | – |
| To Mr. John Bridgare in farther parte payment | £20. | – | – |
| To Capt. Tho. Draper in full for wages | £8. | 12. | – |
| To Ditto for Deduction | £12. | 9. | – |
| To Ditto for expences as p. his order on the file | £24. | 18. | 6 |

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[1] See pp. 128, n. 1, 135, 143. A.15/2, fo. 15, January 13, 1682, "Charges on Merchandize are Drs. to Theodore Jacobson £18 for 2 m. hire of packhouses in the Stillyard for the Beaver the last shipping."

[2] See p. 144. A.15/2, fo. 15, January 13, 1682, "Charges Extraordinary are Drs. to John Temple & Compa. £5. 5. assigned Anna Hellina Challenger for a reckoning at the Stillyard."

Mr. Traverse the Atto. moved to be rightly informed how the state of the case stands between the Compa. and Capt. Greenway Ordered that Mr. Stone draw out of the Minute book[1] the Companies Order concerneing his first takeing on in the Compas. service and have Delivered up to the said Traverse the Charter party signed by the said Greenway and what is further to be manifested in that affaire is refferred to Mr. Nico. Hayward.

Mr. Weymans reporteing to this Committee the unreasonableness of the Tennants Demands now in possession of the house in Cloak Lane upon wch. the Secretary humbly desired he may have a Deske to write upon and a Cubbard to put the books in wch. the Committee have graunted him.

Ordered that the Secretary give Capt. Thomas Draper a full discharge for the Compa. use for the home Cargo.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

N.S.
January 18,
1682

### *At a Committee* 18 *January.* 1681
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letton
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

| | |
|---|---|
| To Henry Toone for Cloth | £41. 05. – |
| To Tho. Gray for wine he sold the Compa. in May last | £11. 06. – |

Ordered that the Gun Smiths which have bin formerly Imployed by the Company and such others that have brought in Samples to this Committee be sommoned to appeare before the Committee next Friday.

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[1] See pp. 46, 50, 51, 69, 166, 178, 195, 201.

Ordered that Mr. John Bridgar bespeake 10 Dozen of Travelling specktacles.[1]

Adjourned till Friday next.

*At a Committee* 20 *Ditto.* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
January 20,
1682

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Wm. Young esqr. |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letton | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Hayward | |

Ordered that the Gunsmiths following take out of the warehouse all the old Guns returned in the last ships from Hudsons Bay and mend them wch. are in number one hundred twenty and two and three brass blunderbusses wch. were Delivered as

| | |
|---|---|
| To Marthew Hardeman | 22 guns |
| To Samuell Oake | 25 Ditto |
| To Lawrence Saunderson | 25 Ditto |
| To Thomas Powell | 25 Ditto |
| To Joseph Stacy | 25 Ditto |
| | 122 Gunns |

To Marthew Hardeman three brass blunderbursses.

Those locks that are wanting must be round.[2]

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[1] Presumably snow glasses.

[2] Presumably wheel locks. For descriptions and illustrations of gun locks, see H. B. C. Pollard, *A History of Firearms* (London, 1926).

Agreed wth. the Gunsmithes. Vizt. Mathew Hardman Lawrence Sawnderson Thomas Powell Samuell Oake to make guns according to the patternes now in the Committee roome that are approved of by Mr. Bridgar and Mr. Knight after the rate of twenty two shillings and sixpence by gun.

At the last Committee it was Ordered that Mr. John Bridgare be desired to be speake 10 Dozen of Travelling specktacles It is now Ordered that he forbeare the doeing thereof till further order.

Ordered that the Hatchetts for the next Cargo be made and provided by Sam. Banner Iron Monger excepting 1000 wch. are allready made and provided by Mr. Carnal.

Ordered Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and summs following.

| | |
|---|---|
| To John Rede Isaac Redes Atturny | £46. 07. 07 |
| To Rich. Scott in parte for Cloth | £50. – – |
| To Thomas Phips for 20 painted callicoes for Tho. Phips his cousin at Hudson Bay | £7. – – |
| To Ditto for Deductions | £14. 13. – |
| To Wm. Wilkinson and Gartis Bayfield for sorting of Beavor that came home in the last ships | £23. 08. – |

Ordered that Mr. Stone Deliver to Mr. Thomas Phips the two above mentioned warrants payable to himselfe and attende him wth. the receipt book to take receipts for the same.

Ordered Mr. Pittford gunner be added to the to the aforesaid Gunners in makeing of Gunns for the Compa. and he to have Aproportionable share wth. the rest.

Ordered that Mr. James Knight waite upon Mr. Letton to morrow about bespeaking of Aules.

Ordered that Mr. Saunderson Mr. Powell Mr. Stacy Mr. Oake Mr. Hardeman and Mr. Pittford Gunsmithes each make 50 Guns apeice accordin to Mr. Knights directions.

Ordered Mr. Daniell Kingston Brassier make ready wth. all expedition 200 kettles more according to the seizes he had Directions for the 5 Instant.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Karrington bring to the next Committee the Laces they have agreed wth. him for and that they be according to the severall samples which if not complied wth. they must agree wth. some others.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

*At a Committee* 24 *January* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
January 24,
1682

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Hayward |

Ordered that Mr. Robert Curtis doe provide the Compa. wth. pease flower and Oatemeale for the next Cargo for wch. the Committee have agreed wth. him as follows

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|---|---|
| For the pease a Quarter | 38*s.* |
| Flower at 6½*s.* by bushell | 6½*s.* |
| Midling oatemeale at 5*s.* p. bushell | 5*s.* |

and for the quantity of each he shall receive Instructions from the Secritary and he is allowed to have his owne Cooper to make up the aforesaid goods.

Ordered that Mr. Samuell Banner provide what knives are necessary for the next Cargo according to the severall Samples Mr. Cradock shall Deliver him.

Ordered Mr. Deue and Mr. Pr. Hudson provide powder for the next Cargo and to receive instructions from Mr. Knight what sort to provide and to the quantety this Committee will order them.

Ordered that Mr. Weymans be desired to look after and take care for providing Tobacco against the next shiping.

Adjourned till to morrow in the afternoone.

N.S.
January 25,
1682

*At a Committee* 25 *January* 1681
*Present*

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Letton |
| Sr. Christ. Wren | Mr. Weymans |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Cudworth |

Ordered that Mr. Hayward be desired to bespeake 20 Dozen of Travelling spectacles.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and Summs following

| | |
|---|---|
| To Sr. Robt. Clayton for his advance mony upon his stock & Int. to this Day | £301. 0. 7 |
| To Francis Mosely the Taylor upon worke done and to be done | £30. – – |

Sr. James Hayes reportes to this Committee that he has seen a convenient house fit for the Compa. service It is Ordered that Sr. James Hayes, Sr. Chris. Wren Wm. Young esqr. and Mr. Gerrard Weymans or any two of them be desired to looke upon this house on Satterday next and make a full and finall end in the takeing thereof wth. wch. this Committee shall rest sattisfied and[1] in what they shall doe in it.

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[1] A space in the original, but "acquiess" in A.1/5, fo. 10.

Ordered that Mr. Batch and Company doe provide the best harforshire mault and likewise Bread for the next Cargo and it is left to Mr. Cradock to agree wth. them for the price and quantity.

Ordered that Mr. Letton and Mr. Hayward be desired to write to France to their correspondents for Samples of Blanketts that so the like might be made here for the Compa. use to send to Hudson Bay the next shiping.

Ordered that Rich. Mauhlin make ready 1250 Aules according to the Samples now shewen this Committee and are thus to be sorted

500 of the large crooked steel blades
250 of the small Ditto
250 of the large straight blades
250 of the small Ditto
1250 For wch. they have agreed wth. him for 12*d.* p. Dozen.

Adjourned till Fryday next.

### *At a Committee* 27 *January* 1681
### *Present*

N.S.
January 27,
1682

Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letton

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

| | |
|---|---|
| To Richard Scott in full for Cloth | £5. 18. – |
| To Henry Toone for Cloth | £44. – – |
| To Richard Mathews for Cloth | £43. 05. – |
| To John Wood for Cloth | £17. 10. – |
| To Edward Ely for severall Disbursements for the Compa. service as p. bills on the File | £03. 12. 05 |

Ordered that Mr. Cradock be desired to make and conclude wth. Capt. Greenway the Difference between him and the Company concerneing the £75 paid him upon his goeing out to Hudson Bay in the Compa. service and give reporte of what Agreement he makes to the Comittee.[1]

Adjourned till next wednesday.

N.S.
February 1,
1682

*At a Committee* 1 *February* 1681
*Present*

| | |
|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Sr. Chris. Wren | Mr. Letten |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Hayward |

Mr Cradock reports that according to the Order of the last Committee did indeavor to make up and compose all Differences between the Company and Capt. Greenway unto that good end he appointed Capt. Greenway to meet him at Sadlers Hall[2] yesterday at 6 of the Clock after long waiteing the Capt. not appeareing Mr. Cradock departed to his owne lodgings.

Ordered that the Secretary take wth. him home the generall letters recd. by the last ships from Hudson Bay and take notes and observations from them and reporte to this Committee what is needfull and necessary to be done and to returne the said letters back to the Committee roome.

Ordered that the Coate Beavor now in the ware House be so much delivered thereof to Geo. Guyer as will make him

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[1] See pp. 75, 166, 180, 195, 201.

[2] Strype, *Stow's Survey of London*, III, 196, "Near unto this Lane [Foster], but in *Cheapside*, is *Sadlers Hall*, a pretty good Building, seated at the upper end of a handsome Alley . . .".

Sattisfaction for ten parchment skins that did belong to him now missing.

Adjourned till friday next.

*At a Committee* 3 *February* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
February 3,
1682

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Letten | |

Ezbon Sandford[1] presenting his humble service to the Company wch. the Committee considering he has bin an old servant and being now well recommended to this Committee by Capt. Gillam have resolved to take him into their service at £60 p. Ann. to commence from the breaking of ground at Graves end and for his present support to have 12*s*. a weeke from this Day to the breaking of ground at graves end.

The Secretary did in open Committee Deliver up the generall letters he recd. by their Order the last Committee.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and summs following

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Thomas Wise Deductions folio 10 | £12. | 10. | – |
| To James Knight in full of his wages | £50. | – | – |
| To Ditto for a gratuety for all his good service at Hudson Bay | £16. | – | – |
| To John Taylor in farther parte payment on building a ship | £60. | – | – |

Adjourned till wednesday in the Afternoone.

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[1] See p. 101, n. 1.

N.S.
February 8,
1682

*At a Committee* 8 *February* 1681
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Sr. Chris. Wren | Mr. Letton |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradock | |

Mr. James Knight shipwright is this Day entertained in the Compa. service and is to goe the next ships as cheife at Chichewan[1] and because he has bin a faithfull and true Servant to the Compa. and find him able and dexterouse in their business have agreed wth. him for £70 p. Ann. to commence from the time he shall arrive at Hudson Bay.

Ordered that Mr. John Reymon furnish the Compa. wth. the halfe of the beere and squire Neales Brewhouse the other halfe for the next shiping.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

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| To John Egreman in full for wages | £9. | 14. | 4 |
| To Stephen Karrington in parte for Lace | £8. | – | – |

Mr. Cradock haveing according to a former order of the Committee indeavoored to compose the Difference between the Compa. and Capt. Greenway and to that end did meet yesterday at Sadlers Hall but findeing him obstinate and not able to bring him to any termes does therefore leave againe to the Committee to doe wth. him what seemeth good.[2]

Adjourned till friday in the Afternoone.

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[1] Later named Albany, "where no Englishman had been before" until Governor Bayly went there in the summer of 1674. See J. B. Tyrrell (ed.), *Documents relating to the Early History of Hudson Bay* (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1931), p. 391. The exact date of the establishment of the fort is not known, but according to A.6/1, fo. 5d., "Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680", "a house of some strength" had been built there, and John Bridgar placed in charge, before Bayly returned to England in 1679.

[2] See pp, 166, 172, 195, 201.

*At a Committee* 10 *February* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
February
10, 1682

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Waymans |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Letten | |

Sr. James Hayes, Sr. Chris. Wren, Mr. Cradock, Mr. Weymans, Mr. Letten and Mr. Hayward or any two of them are desired to meet the master and warden of the Scribners Company to morrow at 11 of the Clock at the Bull head in woodstreet and to offer them for their hall[1] £60 p. Ann. they beareing all charges excepting water and then the Compa. are ready to have it for 7, 11 or 15 yeares wth. this proviso to be incerted in the lease that at any time upon 6 m. warneing they may leave the said Hall.

Thomas Savage upon his humble petition to the Company desires to be Admitted into their service at Hudson Bay in consideration he has bin a good servant have agreed wth. him for £30 p. ann. to commence from the time he shall arrive at Hudson Bay where he is to continue for three yeares.

Ordered that the Secretary buy pack Clothes to make up mens and boyes white coates for the next shiping and receive Directions from Mr. Knight and the rest of the Factors what quantety to provide.

Wm. Bond who is appointed Commander in the ship[2] now

[1] Scriveners' Hall was situated on the east side of Noble Street, Cheapside. It was doubtless on the suggestion of Sir Robert Clayton (see p. 333), during whose lifetime the decline in the Scriveners' Company's affairs probably began, that the Hall was let to the Hudson's Bay Company, who leased it until 1696. The Hall was sold to the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company in 1703 and in 1841 another Hall was built on the same site. In 1870 this gave place to the Hall which was destroyed by enemy action on the night of May 10, 1941.

[2] See p. 201.

building desired an Order from the Committee to Mr. Edward Ely for cordage, blocks and all other necessaries for the rigging of the said ship wch. the Committee have graunted and Ordered the Secretary to certify Mr. Ely of this their Order.

Mr. Rich. Lucas giveing the Committee an Acco. of a Pink called the *Betty* burthen 100 Tunns to be a very good and serviceable vessell for their service Doe order that Mr. Ely doe goe and veiw this pink and give in his reporte thereof the next Committee Day.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and summs following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Rich. Machlin on Acco. of Aules bought of him | £4. | – | – |
| To John Wallop for Cloth | £55. | 16. | – |
| To John Walkly for Cloth | £46. | 05. | – |
| To Rich. Scott for Cloth | £28. | – | – |

Adjourned till wednesday next.[1]

N.S.
February
13, 1682

*At a Committee* 13 *February* 1681
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten

Sr. James Hayes reporteing to this Committee that he with the Subcommittee met according to apointement of the last Committee wth. the master and wardens of the Scribners Compa. and acquainted them what resolutions the last Committee had taken for to take their Hall at £60 p. Ann. free of all Taxes excepting water and wth. the Proviso of giving them 6 m. warneing when ever they pleased. The Master and wardens did comply wth. the Compas. desire of letting their Hall at 7, 11 or 15 yeares at £60 p. Ann. but to have that proviso incerted in the lease of leaveing it at 6 m. warneing when they please they would not consent to it To wch. Sr. James Hayes made reply he would this Day call a Committee and communicate to them their Resolutions: upon the Debate of the whole business this Committee doe thinke fitt that, that Proviso of 6 m. warneing be not incested upon wch. the Secretary is to give notice thereof to the Master and wardens of the Scribners Compa. and that they provide a rough draught of the lease for their peruseall.

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[1] The next meeting called was for Monday, February 13, 1681.

Adjourned till wednesday.

*At a Committee* 15 *February* 1681
*Present*

N.S. February 15, 1682

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Sr. Chris. Wren | Mr. Letten |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Hayward |

Ordered that all that are unpaid of their advance mony of £40 p.C. on their Stock that warrants be made ready against the next Committee day.[1]

Sr. James Hayes haveing presented to this Committee a Memoriall containeing severall reasons to be presented to his Highness Prince Rupert and to desire his Highness would be pleased to Intercede his Maty. to Issue out his Order to the Commissioners of the Custome House to suffer Beavor wooll to be exported by bill of Store, upon wch. the Committee doe desire Sr. James Hayes to mannage this affaire and give reporte thereof to the Committee.[2]

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[1] See p. 163, n. 2.

[2] This memorial has not been traced. Presumably what the Company wanted was " drawback ", *i.e.*, the repayment of the import duty on the beaver. Cf. M. Postlethwayte (ed.), *The Universal Dictionary of Trade and Commerce*

George Guyer tendring his service to the Compa. to serve them, whome they doe accept at the rate of £40 p. yeare for 3 years to commence from the time he shall arrive at Hudson bay and there to continue in such service as the Company shall appointe him.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple & Compa. to pay these persons and summs following

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|---|---|
| To Geo. Guyer in full for his wages | £20 |
| To Jo. Bridgar in farther parte payment on his wages | £20 |
| To Mr. Nico. Hayward to be laid out in petties and Disbursements for the Compa. use | £20 |

Ordered that Mr. John Cudworth and Mr. Hayward be desired to Audit the Acco. between the Compa. and Mrs. Bayly and meet to morrow in the afternoone at 3 of the Clock in the Committee roome and give reporte to the Committee how they finde it.

Ordered that Henery Blaymier Gunsmith take the ships armes from the ship Chandler and fitt them up against the next next expedition for Hudson Bay.

Tho. Gilpin tendring his service to the Compa. and is ready to serve them at Hudson Bay for 3 yeares the first yeare at £6 p. Ann. the second yeare at £9 the third at £12 to commence from the time he shall arrive at Hudson Bay the Compa. have accepted of him on those termes.

Adjourned till Friday next.

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*Translated from the French of the Celebrated Monsieur Savary* ... (London, 1751), I, 280, "BILL *of Store*, is a licence granted at the custom-house to merchants, whereby they have liberty to carry, custom-free, all such stores and provisions, as they may have occasion for during their voyage." In present days a bill of store is a licence issued by H.M. Customs and Excise permitting the re-importation duty free of British goods into Great Britain.

*At a Committee* 17 *February* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
February
17, 1682

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Sr. James Hayes for his advance mony on his Stock of £40 p.C. wth. Int. | £324. | – | – |
| To Mr. Rich. Cradock the like | £345. | 12. | – |
| To Mr. Geo. Baron the like | £129. | 12. | – |
| To Mr. John Bradly the like | £86. | 08. | – |
| To Mr. Solomon Hougham[1] the like | £86. | 08. | – |
| To Mr. Chris. Yates[2] the like | £86. | 08. | – |
| To Sr. Chris. Wren the like | £86. | 08. | – |
| To the Honourable Robt. Boyle[3] esqr. | £43. | 04. | – |
| To John Rason for 20 Duffells | £75. | 16. | 9 |
| To Rich. Scott for Cloth | £83. | 15. | – |
| To John Walkely for Cloth | £46. | 05. | – |
| To Ben. Billingsly for printing | £4. | 16. | – |

Mr. Cudworth and Mr. Hayward reporteing to this Committee that yesterday according to the Committees order they met in the Comittee roome wth. Mrs. Bayly to Audit her Acct. and doe acquaint this Committee that they find rather less due unto her husband Deceased then the former Subcommittee.

Adjourned till wednesday.

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[1] A London merchant who acquired £200 stock from Paul Ferine on February 21, 1680.

[2] Christopher Yates of the parish of St. Clement Danes, gentleman, became a stockholder on December 3, 1680, when he acquired £200 worth from William Walker.

[3] See Appendix C, p. 332.

N.S.
February
22, 1682

*At a Committee* 22 *February* 1681
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Heyward
Mr. Cudworth

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and Summs following

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| To Tho. Wise Executor to Capt. Rich. Power for expences at Falmouth in the River and pillatage | £11. 2. 5 |
| To Charles Elmer a Deduction | £1. – – |

Ordered that the Furcoate now in the warehouse marked R P be delivered to Tho. Wise when demaunded.

Ordered that the 3 peeces of Red Cloth Nos. 82. 83. 84 Spotty Reds bought by the Secretary be returned upon hands and he to make good to this Compa. what they first cost only abateing what was allowed him by the Factor of whome he bought them for those Faultes.

Ordered that Capt. Gillam conferr wth. Mr. Ely aboute building a green Land Shallop[1] and give reporte thereof to the Committee.

Adjourned till Friday.

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[1] Burney, *Universal Dictionary of the Marine . . . by William Falconer*, "Shallop . . . a sort of large boat with two masts, usually rigged like a schooner." A.15/2, fo. 24d., May 5, 1682, "Sundry Accts. Drs. to Robt. Spencer . . . Stores for Port Nellson as One greeneland Shallopp 26 Foote long at 10/- £13."

*At a Committee* 24 *February* 1861
*Present*

N.S.
February
24, 1682

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that the white coates that are to be made for the next expedition be none of them laced.

Ordered that the Secretary make up the Acct. between the Compa. and Coll. Meese as it stands in the Compa. books and to allow him noe charges in makeing up tobacco as he brings to Acct.

Ordered that Mr. Willkinson and Mr. Byfeild be paid a gratuity of twenty pounds £10 each for their great paines and care in sorteing oute of the Beavor that came home by the last ships from Hudson Bay.

At the Committee the lease of Scribners Hall was read and approved of wth. Amendments to it and the Secretary is Ordered to Deliver the same to the Master of the said Compa. desireing to cause it to be ingrossed wth. those Amendments.

Adjourned till wednesday next.

*Att a Committee* 1 *March* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
March 1,
1682

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans

Ordered that Coll. Meese bring to this Committee an exact account of all his Receipts and payments that he Recd. and paid for the use of the Hudson Bay Compa. and upon examining the same by the Compa. Books if there is any thing comeing to him they will punctually pay.

Ordered That Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay as

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| To Mr. Richard Scott for 10 n. L. white Clothes | £56 |

Ordered that the Secretary procure bills of parcells from every one he has bought Cloth against the next Committee Day and that in the future when any warrants are issued out upon the Goldsmiths it be expressed in the warrants the reason thereof.

Ordered that Capt. Gillam take posession of the *Rupert* shipp wth. all her stores, of wch. Mr. Ely is to be acquainted therewith and that the sd. Capt. Gillam bring an Account Next Committee Day what provissions are necessary for himselfe and his ships Compa. for the next expedition to Porte Nelson.[1]

Ordered that Capt. Gillam, Mr. Bridgare and Mr. Ely consult together aboute what provissions are necessary for buylding a house and Stores to be left at Porte Nellson.

Ordered that Capt. Gillam, Mr. Knight and Mr. Ely view the *Albemarle* and give an Account in what condition she is in and wheather she be anywayes serviseable for the Compa. service in the future.

Adjourned till Friday next.

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[1] Port Nelson was taken possession of on behalf of England by Thomas Button in 1612 and named after Francis Nelson, the sailing master of his ship, the *Resolution*. Charles Bayly planted the King's arms there in 1670 (see Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 136), but adverse weather conditions prevented him from making a settlement during that season, and future circumstances only allowed occasional visits there of the Company's servants. A.6/1, fo. 5d., " Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680 ", explain that it was necessary to occupy Port Nelson, as an interloping design was afoot. But at the time of the above resolution no settlement had been made there.

*At a Committee 3 March* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
March 3,
1682

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradock | |

The last Committee the Secretary was Ordered this Committee to bring in bills of parcells from all those Factors he bought Cloth of wch. in obedience to this board he does present the same to this Committee.

Ordered that Capt. Sandford take posession of the *Albemarle* wth. the Stores belonging to her of wch. Mr. Ely is to be acquainted therewith.

Ordered that the Secretary buy some Oxfordshire Blanketts [1] as

15 paire of large
15 paire of middle sorte } For Chychewan
15 paire of the course streaked in the ends

and for the other three factories as Hayes Island,[2] Rupert River [3] and Porte Nellson a third parte of each for each Factory of the above said Blanketts and soe equally sorted.

Ordered that the *Albemarle* goe in Compa. wth. the *Rupert* to Porte Nellson and there unlade and thence to Sayle to Charleton Island [4] and take in what Goods shall be ready for her and returne home againe this yeare if wind and weather permitts as the Governor shall thinke fitt.

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[1] These would have come from the Witney-Burford area, which has long been celebrated for the manufacture of blankets, duffells, etc.

[2] The Moose River Factory which was built on Hayes or Factory Island by Charles Bayly in the summer of 1673 for occasional occupation later became the principal fort at the " Bottom of the Bay ". It appears to have been permanently occupied by Bayly from the winter of 1674–75.

[3] On which Charles Fort, built by the members of the first expedition (1668), was situated.

[4] A.6/1, fo. 6, " Governor Nixon's Instructions 29th may 1680 ", " Wee do judge by the situation of Charlton Island, that no place is so convenient as that

Ordered the *Rupert* and *Albemarle* wth. their Stores be forthwith removed from Sr. Heny. Johnsons Dock[1] and brought to Mr. Graves Dock at Lymox corner[2] where they are to be fitted up wth. all convenient speed of wch. Mr. Ely is to take care aboute it and to look after all that is on board the said Vessells, and to hier a convenient place for the laying of them up.

Ordered that Mr. Stone acquaint Mr. Willmit to Attend the Committee the next Committee Day.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

for the Rendezvous from our severall Factories to attend the arrivall of our Ships from hence, And wee hope before this comes to you a good large dry substantiall Warehouse will be there erected to receive the Cargo wee send you, as it was agreed to be, before Mr. Baily left you [1679], And that all the goods you have traded since the return of the *John & Alexander* will be ready packd. up to be put on board the *prudent Mary* that shee may be dispatchd. as soon as may be. . ."

[1] Tanner, *Catalogue of Naval Manuscripts*, 26, Vol. I, pp. 76, 78. In 1686 Pepys described Johnson, who was a private shipbuilder at Blackwall, four miles east by south of St. Paul's, and on the Middlesex bank of the Thames, as " an ingenious young gentleman, but above all personal labour, as being left too well provided for to work much ".

[2] This is probably meant to be Limehouse Corner. Limehouse is a parish on the Middlesex bank of the Thames, between Wapping and Poplar. John Stow, in his *Survey of London* (1603), called it " Lime-hurst, or Lime-hostes ", and said that it was corruptly called " Lime-house ". Tanner, *Catalogue of Naval Manuscripts*, 26, I, pp. 76, 78, Pepys described John Graves in 1686 as a good shipbuilder but " illiterate, of little presence, very old ". See also J. R. Tanner (ed.), *Pepys' Memoirs of the Royal Navy* 1679–1688 (London, 1906), p. 30, where Graves and others are listed as private shipbuilders at " Redr. Ratcl. &c. in the Thames ".

*At a Committee* 8 *March* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
March 8,
1682

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Sr. Chris Wren | Mr. Cudworth |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Weymans | |

At this Committee the lease[1] between the Scriveners Company and the Hudson Bay Compa. of Scriveners Hall was openly read and approved and Ordered the Companys seale to be fixed to it. And allso Ordered that the Secretary take posession of the aforesaid Scriveners Hall and remove himselfe and family thither before our Lady day next.

Ordered that Mr. Hayward sattisfy and pay unto the Clarke of the Scribners Compa. and to his servants for their paines and care in drawing out the leases that is between them and the Compa. and pay this rekoning at this Taverne.[2]

Adjourned till Friday in Afternoone.

*At a Committee* 10 *March* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
March 10,
1682

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Cudworth |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Letten |

This Committee being informed that Mr. Sanderson the Gunsmith is Dead It is Ordered that Mr. Stone goes to his widow and know if she will finish up those Guns the Compa. did bespeake of her husband and mending the old ones Delivered him or be contented they be finished and Delivered to Mathew Hardeman.

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[1] This lease has not been traced.

[2] According to A.1/5, fo. 15d., this meeting was held "at the Popes head Taverne in Popes head ally". The Alley is a footway leading from Cornhill to Lombard Street. The tavern, of which the earliest known reference is for 1464, was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, and the building which replaced it was still in existence in 1762.

Mr. Hayward haveing now produced an Acco. of severall Disbursements amo. unto £20. 12. 8 wch. this Committee doe approve of and Ordered that the Secretary give him Credit for it in the books.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and summs following

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| To Mr. Nico. Hayward for Disbursements to be paid and laid out by him | £20. | – | – |
| To Tho. Lowfield for 17 yds. of Shalloone[1] | £11. | 14. | – |
| To Edward Ely to lay out in Disbursements for the Compa. use | £50. | – | – |

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and Summs following

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|---|---|
| To Capt. Gillam to be paid oute upon Acco. | £20 |
| To Ezbon Sandford on the like Acco. | £10 |
| To Henry Rogers for 20 Do. travelling spectacles | £6 |
| To Stephen Carrington on Acco. of Lace Delivered | £8 |

It is Ordered that Mr. Ely being the Compa. husband[2] that noe Comander of shipp in the Compa. service or any others doe buy or intermedle wth. any Stores or provisions he is Ordered to buy withoute the appprobation or Assistance.

Capt. Gillam haveing according to the Order of the Committee now produced an Acco. of what provitions are necessary for his ships provitions for 16 men for 16 mo. It is ordered that Capt. Gillam and Mr. Ely doe consult together aboute it and bring their result the next Committee.

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[1] A light kind of woollen material used for coat linings, said to have been first made at Châlons-sur-Marne, in France.

[2] See p. 168, n. 1.

Ordered that Mr. Letten and Mr. Hayward be desired to goe to Blackwell Hall and buy 150 yds. of Cape Cloth.

Ordered that Mr. Knight give reporte to this Committee the next Committee Day what Tooles and necessaries are fitt to be made for the Digging and manidging of the Sloop[1] at Hudson Bay.

The Committee have now agreed wth. Stephen Carrington for the whiteish lace he has Delivered wth. the 4½ groce he has at home at 6*s*. p. groce.

Ordered that Mr. Rogers provide and make 10 Dozen more of Travelling specktacles.

Adjourned till wednesday.

*At a Comittee* 15 *March* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
March 15,
1682

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Sr. Chris. Wren |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Letten | |

Ordered that Mr. Knight and Mr. Bridgare give in an Acco. what persons now at Hudsons Bay are willing to come home and the Secretary is to look over the letters from Hudson Bay to that end and give reporte to the next Committee.

Wm. Chub junior tenders his service to the Compa. and have agreed wth. him for 4 yeares the two first yeares at £6 p. yeare, the third at £9 and the 4 yeare at £12 p. yeare to commence from his arrivall at Hudson Bay.

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[1] An error for "slude" or "slood". See p. 139, n. 5.

Ordered that Rich. Scarlett and Edward Fews Coopers doe equally provide casks of all sortes for the next Cargo excepting those Caskes they have allready bespoke & to put each his brand marke upon their worke of wch. Mr. Ely is to be acquainted therewith.

Ordered that Mr. Letten be desired wth. Mr. Ely, Mr. Bridgare and Mr. Knight to consider of the tonnage that is requisite for the next expedition.

Ordered that the Secretary give an Acco. to the Gunsmithes what quantity of Guns is to be provided against the present Cargo sutable to each mans proportion as it was first appointed and that they bring in all their Guns this Day sevennight wch. were first agreed for.

Ordered that the Secretary bespeake a Table of Deales to be 7½ foote long and 3 foote & 8 inches broad to be sett up at Scribners Hall and high proportionable to the chaires to be provided as allso a green Cloth Carpet[1] and good locks and barrs to secure the ware Houses and Counting House.

Ordered that Mr. Jn. Temple and Compa. pay unto Francis Mosely £25 on Acco. of wourke done and 11*s*. for a Deduction from Tho. Archer for Frazier £25. 11.

Adjourned till Friday.

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 46, October 10, 1682, " Sundry Accts. Drs. to Wm. Langmore £7: 9: – bought of him 28 March 1682 as

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|---|---|---|
| Household goods for 6¼ yds. green Cloth | £2: 19: – | £6: 4: – |
| 8 green cushions filled with feathers | £2: 08: – | |
| 2 heigh Rushia Leather chaires | £0: 17: – | |
| charges on Merchantdize as | | |
| for 9 yards green bayes | £0: 16: 6 | £1: 05: – |
| 600 brass nayles | £0: :4: 6 | |
| for taxes & couvring 2 tables & 1 deske | £0: 04: | |
| | | £7 09 –" |

*At a Committee* 17 *March* 1681
*Present*

N.S.
March 17,
1682

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|---|---|
| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Letten |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Hayward | |

Ordered that the Secretary bring to the next Committee an Estimate of the present Cargo desireing Mr. Weymans may asiste him in doing thereof.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay these persons and summs following

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| To Daniel Kingston upon Acco. of kettles Bought of him | £150. – – |
| To Rich. Lucas Deductions made for Jno. Rayner from severall persons | £12. 08. – |

Daniell Lane of wapping Marriner tendring his service to the Compa. whom they doe accept of and have agreed wth. him for 3 yeares for £30 p. yeare.

Ordered that Mr. Letten Mr. Hayward Mr. Weymans or any two of them be desired to bayle Capt. Thomas Draper if he be any wayes troubled p. Capt. Greenway for or aboute any action or service the said Draper has done for the Compa. and the Compa. will save him and his bayle harmless from all Damages the said Greenway may or can doe to them.[1]

Ordered that the Secretary give unto Capt. Tho. Draper a discharge for his outward boung [sic] Cargo.

Tho. Willkinson of London Edge toole maker tendring his service to the Compa. the Compa. considering he has bin an old Servant doe accept of him and have agreed wth. him for 3 yeares for £30 p. yeare.

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[1] See pp. 166, 172, 178, 180, 201.

Mr. Weymans, Mr. Letten, Mr. Cradock, and Mr. Hayward or any two of them are appointed to be a Sub Committee to consider of shipping for this Expedition and give the Compa. an Account from time to time.

Tho. Porker of Redriff[1] Marriner presenting his service to the Compa. wth. whome they have agreed wth. for 3 yeares at 50*s.* p. mo. to commence from breakeing ground at Graves end.

Adjourned till wednesday to Scribners Hall.

N.S. March 22, 1682

*At a Committee* 22 *March* 1681 *At Scribners Hall.*
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Wm. Young esqr. |
| Sr. Chris. Wren | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Weymans | |

Ordered that the Screetore, trunck and all other things belonging to the Compa. be removed from Mr. Lettons house to Scribners Hall of which Mr. Stone and the Secretary is to take care thereof.

Ordered that Mr. Freeman shall provide the halfe of the Powder of the sorte No. 2 marked B. wch. was proved by the Prince and he is to have the same price and conditions as Mr Hudson who is to provide the other halfe and the Quantety the Secretary is to acquainte him when Demanded.

Mr. Ely presenting to the Comittee 3 severall vessells for their service (vizt.) the *Friendship* burthen 110 Tons Sam. Edwards master, the *Endeavor* 100 Tons Jno. Quexby Mr. The *Lucy* 110 Tons Nico. Raynor Mr. Ordered that Mr. Ely attende the Subcommittee for shipping to morrow at the Marrine Coffee house in Burching Lane[1] in order to the takeing one of them.

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[1] Redriff is the old name for Rotherhithe, on the south bank of the Thames, about 2¼ miles south-east from St. Paul's. See *A Gazetteer of the World* (London, 1856), VI, 330.

Ordered that Mr. Ely deliver unto Rich. Lucas Dr. Raynards boxe of Instruments that were on board the *Albemarle.*

Mr. Ely haveing now exhibited the charge the *Rupert* will cost in repaires Its Ordered that he proceed in takeing care she be well and sufficiently repaired wth. all expedition.

Mr. John Bridgare acquainteing the Committee he has exterordinary business that calls him for Dublin humbly intreats their leave to go thither wch. they doe freely consent unto.

Ordered it be left to the Secretaries care to gett a convenient crane made for their service at Scribners Hall.

Adjourned till next Friday.

*At a Committee* 24 *March* 1681
*Present*[2]

N.S.
March 24,
1682

Ordered that Hum. Nichols Miner bespeak 28 gads, 4 Sledges, 10 picks, 6 shovells, 6 iron crows, 6 chissells 4 foote long and 3 stone axes as necessary Instruments to get the Slooe.[1]

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[1] Wheatley, *London Past and Present*, I, 185–6, Birchin Lane runs from Cornhill to Lombard Street. "At the Marine Coffee-House in Birchin Lane, is water-gruel to be sold every morning, from 6 till 11 of the clock. 'Tis not thoroughly known; but there comes such company as drinks usually 4 or 5 gallons in a morning. *Advertisement*, July 26, 1695."

[2] According to A.1/5, fo. 18, those present at the above meeting were: Sir James Hayes, William Yonge, Richard Cradock, John Cudworth, Nicholas Hayward and Gerrard Weymans.

Ordered that Mr. John Bridgare buy 2 iron stoves that he has seen.

Resolved by this Committee that the *Rupert* shall goe in Company wth. the *Albemarle* to Port Nellson and presently unlade and from thence goe downe to Charleton Island and there attend the Governors Orders and the Subcommittee for shiping are impowred to hire 2 Vessells for this expedition whereof one of them shall remaine in the Country and the other to returne home this yeare.

Mr. Stacy, Mr. Pickford, Mr. Hardeman and Sam. Oake are each to provide 100 Guns and Mr. Powell 50 wth. all expedition and the remainder of the Guns that are to be made are equally to be divided betwene Mr. Stacy, Mr. Pickford and Sam. Oake.

Ordered that Mr. Mahlin provide 1410 Aules more whereof 514 crooked and 896 straite.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

March 29, 1682

*At a Committee* 29 *March* 1682

*Present*

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| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Letten |

This Committee have agreed wth. Mr. William Hawkins and Anto. Akered Butchers for the beefe and Porke they have occation for for this expedition at 26*s*. p. C. each to have an equall quantety. the beef to be of Stall fed oxen and the Porke to be large and fatt and the Compa. to allow 10 li. beef for every tongue And for the quantety the Compa. has occation for they are to take Direction from Mr. Ely.

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[1] I.e. slude or isinglass.

Ordered that John Throman Smith provide wth. all speed the gads, sledges, picks and crows the necessary Instruments for Digging Slooe at 4*d.* p. li. and Mr. Hayward is desired to supply him wth. what mony he has occation for to doe this worke not exceeding 40*s.*

Agreed wth. Mr. Batch for bread wch. is to be according to the Sample presented at 10*s.* p. C. and the best Hartfordshire molt at 26*s.* a Quarter.

The Subcommittee for Shiping reporteing to this Committee they have hired the Pinck called the *Friendship* whereof is Master Sam. Edwards burthen 120 Tons for 100 Tons at 8 p. Tonne and to advance £150 and 20*s.* p. head for every Passinger out bound allso the like price for all Passengers home bound which Agreement this Committee doe consent to.

Ordered that the Secretary indeavor to gett 10 honest and able Fellows batchelors not under 20 nor above 30 yeares old to be either Bricklayers, Carpenters, Quarriers or such like and present them to the Compa. not exceeding 6. 9 or 12 *li.* p. Ann.

Ordered that Sr. James Hayes have according to his desire now mentioned by the Secretary the Generall letter and the Instructions last sent to Hudson Bay.

Adjourned till Friday.

March 31, 1682

*At a Committee* 31 *March* 1682
*Present*

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| Mr. Letten | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Hayward |

whereas it was Ordered by the Committee the 24th March last that 2 Vessells should be hired for this expedition whereof one of them should returne home this yeare and the other to remaine in the Countrey Now upon serious consideration and debate considering the vast and great charge it will be to the Compa. that the other hired vessell should remaine in the Country It is now resolved by this Comittee that the two hired ships that are to goe for Hudson Bay this expedition shall both returne home this yeare of wch. the Subcommittee for Shiping are desired to hier them upon this condition.

Ordered that what goods are ready to be packt at any place that one of the Subcommittee for Shipping be at the packing thereof wth. one of the Factors that has bin at Hudson Bay and what goods are at Mr. Lettens he is desired to be by when they are packt.

Ordered that Mr. Stone be by at the packing of the beefe and Porke and take the weight thereof and that one of the Hudson Bay Factors be also by at the packing and that Mr. Stone observe and Attende Mr. Elys Directions aboute the same.

Ordered that there be Samples kept in the Store House of all sorte of Goods that now are to be sent to Hudson Bay of wch. the Secretary is to take care of.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock and Mr. Letton be Desired to gett the Patent from Sr. Robt. Clayton.[1]

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[1] See p. 169.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

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|---|---|
| To Daniell Kingston for Kettles | £50. – – |
| To Mr. Traverse for Law business | £1. 19. – |
| To Henry Rogers for Spectacles | £3. – – |

Capt. Wm. Bond presenting to this Committee a bill of victualling for the Barke he now is to goe Master in wch. bill is to be left to the care of Mr. Ely to consider what is necessary for him to have of wch. Mr. Stone is to acquainte Mr. Ely of this Order and Deliver him Capt. Bonds bill.

Adjourned till wednesday.

*At a Committee* 5 *Aprill* 1682
*Present*

April 5, 1682

Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cudworth

Ordered that the Secretary place to Capt. Greenwaies Acco. the charges at Law the Compa. has bin at in a suite depending between the Compa. and him according to a bill Mr. Traverse exhibited to the last Committee amo. unto £1. 19 as allso what Goods were sold and Delivered to his men at Hudson Bay amount unto £4. 5. 6.[1]

Ordered that Mr. Ely take care that the vessell now in building by Mr. John Taylor be launced when Mr. Ely thinks it most convenient to be done and in launceing of her shall be named the *Cravan*[2] and afterwards Capt. Bond who is apointed to be her Comander take charge of her.

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[1] See pp. 166, 172, 178, 180, 195.

[2] Named after William, Earl of Craven, one of the original adventurers. See *H.B.S.*, V, 222–4. The *Craven* was built for service in Hudson Bay. See pp. 137, 204. A.15/2, fo. 19, May 5, 1682, "The *Cravan* Barke is Dr. to John

Ordered that Mr. Edmunds buy Hambrough Carpetts [1] for the wraping of the woollen Manefactory and pack them in Barras.[1]

Adjourned till Thurseday next.[2]

April 7, 1682

*At a Committee* 7 *Aprill* 1682
*Present*

Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans

Mr. Hayward one of this Committee informes this Committee that he has on the 24th March last past transferred £50 of his Stock to Mr. Robt. Stamper [3] Cittizen and Scribner of London.

By the Charter party between the Compa. and James Denew and Sam. Edwards it was therein Stipulated and agreed that the Compa. shall pay the said Mr. Denew and Mr. Edwards by way of Imprest £150. Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Company pay them £150 and that Mr. Hayward be desired

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Taylor £204 built per the said Taylor the *Cravan* Barke which measures according to a Certificate on the File 40 Tons & 4/5 of a Tonne at £5 p. Tonne according to an agreement made with him the 4th Novembr. 1681." A.6/1, fo. 13b., May 15, 1682, Captain Bond's Commission and Instructions, describe the vessel as a pink.

[1] Postlethwayte, *Universal Dictionary of Trade and Commerce*, I, 456. "There are likewise carpets of *Germany*, some of which are made of woollen stuffs, as serges, and others of the like sort: these are called square carpets. Others are of wool also, but wrought with the needle, and pretty often embellished with silk: lastly, there are carpets made of dog's hair." Barras, according to the same source (p. 934), was a coarse kind of linen manufactured in Lower Germany and imported into England from Hamburg.

[2] The next meeting was held on Friday, April 7.

[3] Robert Stamper later increased his holding and remained an adventurer until November 21, 1684. He again acquired stock on February 17, 1687, and after holding varying amounts disposed of his "whole Stock & Share" on January 29, 1690. On July 8 of that year he became an adventurer for a third time to the extent of £100, which he sold on September 3, following.

to take wth. him the Charter Party and a receipt upon the Charter Parter [sic] for the same.

This Day Capt. Wm. Bond presenting four able Seamen to serve the Compa. in the *Cravan* Barke wch. the Compa. have accepted and agreed wth. them in manner and forme following

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|---|---|
| John Anderson of Borresenex in Scottland | at 25*s*. p. mo. for 3 yeares |
| Alexander Baine of the same | |
| Andrew Walker of | |

Robt. Charleton of Christchurch parish[1] London for 3 yeares at 27*s*. p. mo. all to enter into halfe pay from the first time they enter on board and whole pay from the time they breake ground at Gravesend.

Adjourned till wednesday next.

*At a Committee* 12 *Aprill* 1682
*Present*

April 12, 1682

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| Mr. Letten | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Hayward |

Ordered that what beef and Porke is for each Factory now to be sent over this expedition shall be here repackt but what beef and Porke Capt. Gillam and Sandford is to have its left to them to pack it as they will have it.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

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|---|---|
| To Capt. Zachary Gillam for to be Disburst by him for the Compa. use | £20. – – |
| To Capt. Ezbon Sandford for to be Disburst by him for the Compa. use | £10. – – |

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[1] Christ Church, Newgate Street.

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| To Nico. Kempston on Acco. of Iron Mongers wares that are packt at his House and ready to be Delivered | | £150. – – |
| To John Throman for Slood Instruments | £8. 7. 6 | |
| whereof pd. by Mr. Hayward 1 guinny | £1. 1. 6 | £7. 6. – |
| | £7. 6. 0 | |

Ordered that Capt. Gillam and Capt. Sandford rendr. an Acco. of this mony they now have an Order for and the last mony they have received the first Committee after this weeke.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock be desired to pay Mr. Willmott who gave Attendance at the Candle the last Sale of Beavor Three Guinnys.

Capt. Wm. Bond reportes to this Committee that Mr. Ely in persuant of an order of Committee the 5th instant did on Tuesday the 11th instant Launce the Barke built by Mr. John Taylor and named her the *Cravan* and did take charge of her that instant.

Adjourned till Friday.[1]

April 14, 1682

*At a Committee* 14 *Aprill* 1682
*Present*

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| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letten | Mr. Hayward |

Ordered that Mr. Edwards take on board his pinck 5500 Flemish bricks and 500 English bricks and 400 Tiles Mr. Edwards reportes that he beleives his pinck will carry 140 Tons dead weight besides his owne provitions.

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[1] Good Friday, April, 14 1682.

Ordered that the Secretary take care to Numbr. all the Goods for each Factory after some of the Comittee are fully sattisfied they are packt according to their Order and certiphy to the Committee from time to time how he proceeds in this business.

Michaell Grymington desiring to serve the Compa. in the Capacity of a Seaman whome they doe accept of and now agreed wth. him for 18 mo. at 45*s*. p. mo. to enter into ½ pay at goeing on board and whole pay at breaking ground at Gravesend.

Ordered that Mr. John Temple & Compa. pay these persons and Summs following.

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| To Rich. Mallin in full for Aules | £12. | 10. | – |
| To Wm. Hawkins & Anto. Akered on Acco. of beef and Porke | £200. | – | – |

Adjourned till wednesday.

### *At a Committee* 19 *Aprill* 1682

April 19, 1682

*Present*

Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Hayward

who attended here till 7 of the Clock.

Capt. Sandford being here desired that the English Bricks be sent on board Ordered that Mr. Letten be desired to send them on board wth. all expedition and Ordered Mr. Stone speake to Mr. Ely to send the Coles and planks on board the severall ships.

Mr. Hayward now reportes that Rich. Aley esqr. parte owner of the ship *Lucy* has perused the Charter Party between the Compa. and him and does agree to all the Perticulers in the same promiseing in few Dayes to Seale it.

Adjourned till Friday.

April 21, 1682

*At a Committee* 21 *Aprill* 1682
*Present*

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| Sr. Chris. Wren | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Letten | Mr. Hayward |

Ordered that Mr. Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay these persons and Summes Following

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|---|---|
| To John Taylor in farther parte payment for building the *Cravan* barke | £50. – – |
| To John Throman for Slood Instruments for Samples | £01. 11. – |
| To Wm. Bond for Disbursements for the Companys use | £20. – – |

what Mr. Letten Mr. Weymans and Mr. Hayward Ordered the 19th instant this Committee doe confirme.

Ordered that any two of the Subcommittee for Shiping have power to fixe the Compa. Seale to the Charter Party between them and Rich. Alie esqr. for the fraightment of the Ship *Lucy* and the Secretary to attend them wth. the Compa. Seale and Signe the Charter Party.

St. John Skinner is now admitted into the Compa. Service under Capt. Wm. Bond at the rate of 20*s*. p. mo. for 3 yeares to enter into halfe pay in goeing on board and whole pay at breakeing of Ground at Gravesend.

Adjourned till wednesday next.

### *At a Committee* 26 *Aprill* 1682
### *Present*[1]

April 26
1682

Ordered that the Secretary provide by the first a bill of Stores[2] and present the same to the Deputy Governor to subscribe.

Ordered that all Goods that are now to be shipt for Charleton Island on board the two hired ships that care be taken that the one halfe of the Goods now bought be shipped in the one ship and the other halfe in the other excepting all loose things that cannot be packt be shipt on board Capt. Bond and 2/3 of all Goods for Porte Nellson on board Capt. Gillam and 1/3 on board Capt. Sandford.

Ordered that the Compa. Armes be put upon all the Pewter Dishes and plates that are now to be sent this expedition.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock be desired to manage the shipping of all Goods this expedition and that Mr. Stone at the Custome house be the person to enter them.

Ordered that all our Goods be shipt of at Porters Key[3] and the East India Porters be Imployed in the shipping of them of.

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[1] According to A.1/5, fo. 21, the Committee Members present at the above meeting were: Sir James Hayes, John Letten, Richard Cradock, Gerrard Weymans, Nicholas Hayward and John Cudworth.

[2] See p. 184, n. 1.

[3] Harben, *Dictionary of London*, p. 480, Porter's Quay. "South out of Lower Thames Street, by No. 32, east of Bear Key and west of Custom House Key. . . . This quay was so named as having one of the rulers of the Fellowship Porters in attendance here to exercise the office of metage of salt, grain, fruit, etc. on behalf of the Corporation. Site now occupied by the Custom House."

Ordered that Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay these Persons and summs Following

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|---|---|
| To Capt. Zachary Gillam for Disbursements for the use of the Compa. | £10 |
| To One. Albin upon Acco. | £40 |

Ordered the Compa. Pewterer provide Capt. Bond such Pewter Dishes as is necessary for the *Cravan* according to a bill he now exhibited at this Committee to be marked wth. the Compa. Armes and Mr. Kingston Brassiers wares and Mr. Shuite 12 napkins and 2 Table Clothes wth. the Companies marke on them of wch. the Secretary is to take care aboute.

Adjourned till Friday.

April 28, 1682

*At a Committee the* 28 *Aprill* 1682 *At the Kingshead in Sweethings Ally*[1]
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Cudworth |

The Subcommittee for Shiping reporteing to this Committee that the Charter Party between the Compa. and Nico. Reymur shipmaster taken on by them was fairely drawen out wch. this Committee Ordered to be openly read in the presence of this Committee and that the said Nico. Reymur and Rich. Aley esqr. parte Owner wch. was approved of and Ordered that the Compa. Seale be fixed to the one parte of the Charter Party and signed by the Secretary in these words, By Order of the Governor and Adventurers of England tradeing into Hudson

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[1] Originally known as Sweetings Rents, Cornhill. The site is now covered by the paved area of the Royal Exchange Buildings. See Wheatley, *London Past and Present*, III, 342.

Bay Onesiphorus Albin Secretary and the other parte by the said Master and Rich. Aley esqr.

Ordered that Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay these persons and summes Following

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| To Rich. Alie esqr. and Nico. Reymur by way of Imprest | £150. | – | – |
| To Wm. Haukings and Anto. Akered in farther parte payment for Beefe and Porke | £200. | – | – |
| To Stephen Karrington in full for Lace | £14. | 12. | – |
| To Sam. Banner or his Order for Iron Mongers wares | £200. | – | – |

Adjourned till wednesday.

*At a Committee* 3 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 3, 1682

Sr. James Hayes
Mr. Letten
Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock

Ordered that Mr. Letten be desired to goe to Mr. Jackson the Customer aboute perfecting the bills of Store.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and summes following as

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|---|---|
| To Francis Mosely in farther parte payment for makeing Clothes | £20 |
| To Mr. Rich. Cradock for to be Disburst for the Compa. use | £100 |

Tho. Wells of Oxon Gun maker is entertained in the Compa. service for Porte Nellson for 3 yeares at £30 p. Ann. to commence from the time of his arrivall.

Ordered that Mr. Weymans and Mr. Letten be desired to speak wth. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Byfeild and see wt. will give them Content for theire paines in sorting of the beavor that came home the last Shipping and give reporte thereof to the next Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Pellyn and Dr. Farr provide for Capt. Wm. Bond a boxe of Medicines of 50*s*. vallew and soe likewise proportionable for the *Rupert* and the *Albemarle* and Capt. Gillam and Capt. Sandford are to apply themselves to Dr. Farr concerneing the same.

The Compa. have agreed wth. Wm. Beare Pilott for £3 p. ship for pilloting the Compa. Shipps into the Downes.

Ordered that the Hatchetts Mr. Letten did bespeak of Mr. Carnall be brought into the Hall this week and tried wch. if not brought in accordingly the Compa is resolved not to take them of wch. Mr. Letten is to be acquainted therewth. And all Goods yet unspackt be brought into the Hall.

Ordered that Capt. Gillam take Michaell Grymington on board his ship as Seaman and there to be imploied in the Ships Service according as the Compa. agreed wth. him.

Jacob Robinson humbly moved to this Committee by his mother to have his wages augmented to 30*s*. p. month. the Committee being informed by Mr. James Knight that he is a very usefull person at Hudson Bay have graunted his request of 30*s*. p. month wch. shall commence upon the arrivall of the ships now goeing.

Jno. Constant of London Dyer is entertained in the Compa. Service for Porte Nelson for 3 yeares at £6 p. Ann. the first yeare £9 the second £12 p. Ann. for the third to commence from the time of his arrivall there.

Adjourned till next Friday.

May 5, 1682

*At a Committee 5 May* 1682
*Present*

Sr. James Hayes
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cudworth

Ordered that Mr. Cradock be desired to gett ready for the Compa. 3 Ships that are to goe this Expedition for Hudsons Bay Flower, pease, oatemeale, butter and Cheese and all the rest of theire Victuallyng bills Mr. Ely is to provide as much thereof as he judgeth fitt.

Ordered that Mr. Evens and Compa. and Summes Following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Jno. Taylor in full for building the *Craven* Barke | £34. | – | – |
| To Ditto for Ships Stores according to his bill | £44. | 4. | – |
| To Jno. Lyons for Shott in parte | £100. | – | – |
| To Thomas Woodstock for building the Crane | £45. | 16. | – |
| To Zach. Gillham for to be Disburst for the Compa. use | £10. | – | – |
| To Tho. Farrer in full for Cheese | £36. | 8. | – |
| To Jno. Graves for repaireing the *Rupert* & *Albemarle* in pt. | £100. | – | – |
| To Geo. Guyer as a Gratuity | £20. | – | – |

Henry Duncombe of Evingho[1] in the County of Bucks Gentleman is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares for six pounds the first yeare, Nine pounds the second yeare and twelve pounds the third yeare to commence at the time of his arrivall at Hudson Bay.

Ordered that the Secretary shall make up Daniell Kingstons Brassiers Acco. at 16*d*. p. li. for kettles as it was the last yeare.

James Blaymire the sonn of Henery Blaymier Gunsmith is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares, the first yeare at six pound the Second at nine pounds the third for twelve pounds a yeare to commence at the time of his arrivall at Hudson Bay.

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[1] Ivinghoe, Buckinghamshire.

Jno. Brownestons wife humbly intreates this Committee to have her husband come home the next Shipping and likewise Hugh Verners wife desires the same wch. this Comittee have agreed to.

Adjourned till Munday.

May 8, 1682

*At a Comittee* 8 *May* 1682
*Present*

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| Sr. James Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Weymans |

Ordered what Goods are to be Shipped on board the 5 Ships[1] now in ladeing there shall be an express Order in writeing under Mr. Haywards hand for each Commander to receive the Goods on board.

Ordered that Mr. Letten be desired to buy 12 groce of small painted looking glasses.

James Harris is entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares the first yeare for 6 *li.*, the Second yeare for 9 *li.* and the two last at £12 each. to commence at his arrivall at Hudsons Bay.

Ordered that Mr. Nico. Hayward pay unto Wm. Chub junior £2 upon Acco. of his wages.

Ordered that Dr. Farr View all the boxes of Medicines that are prepareing for this Expedition before they are Shipt of wch. Order Mr. Watts that is to prepare them to be therewith acquainted.

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[1] I.e., the Company's ships *Craven*, *Albemarle* and *Prince Rupert*, and the chartered ships *Lucy* and *Friendship*.

Jno. Dalton is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares for Porte Nellson at £16 p. yeare to commence at his arrivall there.

Rich. Phynness is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares at £3. 5 p. month as Carpenter in the Countrey, and his wages to commence at his arrivall in the Countrey.

Mr. Jno. Bridgar is entertained in the Compa. Service as Governr. of Porte Nellson for 3 yeares at £100 p. yeare to commence at his arrivall at Hudson Bay.

Adjourned till to Morrow at 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

*At a Committee* 9 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 9, 1682

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Letten | |

Ordered that Mr. Albin goe to Mr. Gores to view the wadmall hose[1] and Mittens and be carefull that none be accepted of but those that be good and Merchandable.

Jno. Fortenam is entertained in the Compa. Service as Carpenter for 3 yeares at £15 p. yeare to commence from his arrivall at Hudson Bay.

Bazilla Rolfe Bricklayer is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares at £15 p. yeare to commence from his Arrivall at at Hudson Bay.

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[1] Wadmal (Scottish), a thick woollen cloth.

Richard Stretton is entertained in the Compa. Service as Gunner to the *Rupert* at 42*s.* p. month, to commence from breakeing Ground at Graves end.

Adjourned till to Morrow at 5 in the Afternoon.

May 10, 1682

*At a Committee* 10 *May* 1682
*Present*

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Sr. Chris. Wren | Mr. Hayward |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Weymans |

Mr. Shawes Son is to be entertained in the Countrey at £12 p. yeare being the hiest of his wages and if he shall be represented from the Countrey as merriting of more he shall be advanced if not recalled.

Ordered that Mr. Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summes following

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|---|---|
| To Jno. Dallton by way of Im.[1] | £5 |
| To Jno. Fortenam the like | £5 |
| To Bazill Rolfe the like | £5 |

Jno. Barker of Mary Maudlins[2] Dyer is bound in the pœnall summ of £10 to see Jno. Dallton Shiped upon this £5 pd. him by way of Imprest.

Adjourned till to Morrow at 5 of the Clock.

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[1] I.e., imprest.

[2] This could refer to the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey; to St. Mary Magdalen, Milk Street; to St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish Street; or to St. Mary Magdalen and all Saints, adjoining Guildhall.

May 11,
1682

*At a Committee* 11 *May* 1682
*Present*

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans

Wm. Austin is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares the first two yeares at £10 p. yeare and the third at £12 to commence at his arrivall at Hudson Bay.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Jno. Bridgar for a Stove | £4. | 5. | – |
| To Ditto By way of Imprest | £25. | – | – |
| To Jam. Knight by way of Imprest | £25. | – | – |

This Committe have considered Jam. Knights Abilities have constituted and appointed him Depty. Govern. at Hudson Bay and have added to his Sallery Stipulated wth. him the 8 Febr. last past of £70 p. yeare £30 a yeare more soe he is to receive £100 p. yeare as Depty. Governr. and cheife Factor at Chychewan.

Mr. Jno. Lyons is Ordered to provide 1000 weight of Bristow[1] Shott the one halfe for Porte Nellson the othr. halfe for Rupert River.

Ordered that one paire of hand Screws be Delivered to Capt. Wm. Bond and anothr. paire to Capt. Ezbon Sandford out of Reymors Ship of wch. Mr. Hayward is to Subscribe a warrant for that purpose.

Ordered that Mr. Weymans be Desired to buy for Capt. Wm. Bond 208 gallons of Molosses and $\frac{1}{4}$ quarter caske of Brandy.

Adjourned till to Morrow in the Afternoone.

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[1] I.e., Bristol. The old shot-tower near St. Mary Redcliffe Church was still being used for casting shot until recent years.

May 12, 1682

*At a Committee* 12 *May* 1682
*Present*

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Governr. Nixon be adviced in the Generall Letters to returne in the hired Ships those persons who desire to come home.

Whereas Capt. Walsall Cobbie in his last letter desires an Advance of his wages or liberty to returne Ordered that his wages be advanced to £70 p. ann. or leave to returne wch. he please.

It is to be Incerted in the Generall Letters that fires be made upon the Rocks for the Splitting of them in the Slood Affaire.

Ordered that Mr. Hayward pay Humphrey Nichols as a Gratuety for his advice in the Slood toole twenty shillings.

Thomas Savage appeareing to the Committee is Directed to goe on board the *Lucy* Capt. Reymor Commander in order to his transportation for Hudsons Bay.

Ordered that Mr. Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

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| To Thom. Savage 2 m. advance mony | £5. | – | – |
| To Thom. Wilkinson 3 m. advance mony | £7. | 10. | – |
| To Jno. Constant for Imprest mony | £2. | – | – |
| To Capt. Ezbon Sandford for Imprest mony | £15. | – | – |
| To Matt. Hardeman upon Acco. of Guns | £20. | – | – |

whereas Anto. Street of Dartemouth Mr. of the ship *Charles* run against the Ship *Albemarle* and did her considerable

Dammage Ordered that Mr. Ely survey the Damage and Demaund sattisfaction.

Ordered that Mr. Hayward pay 3*s*. to Thom. Willkinson for the two hatchetts he made for Samples.

Thom. Garlands wife desires her husband be permitted to returne home.

And likewise is desired by Jno. Broansons wife.

Ordered that Mr. Wrightman by Mr. Elys Direction provide three Chambers to the Petterawa[1] now at Mr. Graves that it may be returned to the Bay by this Expedition.

Adjourned to the 13 instant.

*At a Committee* 13 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 13, 1682

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Cudworth |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Hayward |

Mr. Stacy Gunsmith appeares and reportes that he hath brought in the full quantety of Guns the Compa. bespoke of him and his Share of the returned Gunns amended.

Ordered that the Severall Commanders have notice that they consult together and agree when they intend to be wth. theire ships at Graves end and make reporte thereof to the Committee by tuesday next at the farthest.

Ordered that Mr. Albin the Secretary give a perticuler to the

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[1] I.e., peterara or petrieros, originally a large-calibre gun of the fifteenth century, but surviving into the eighteenth century as a small breech-loading swivel piece. By the end of the sixteenth century stone shot only was used in the peterara.

Committee at their next Setting of what Serveants are hired for the Compa. Service to the end the Comittee may Dispose of them to their respective Stations.

Ordered that the Secretary give an Acco. of the Severall Goods allready packt and what remaines unpacked that the Committee may from thence take a resolution in order to a conclusion of this yeares Cargoe.

Ordered that the Secretary or Mr. Stone goe to the Cheesmongers & Mealeman & Order the Numbering & markeing of what is ready, the full quantety of all Sortes being allready packed up and give notice to the Said persons when & where to send them.

Mr. Cradock produced Four receipts from the Severall Comanders of Divers caskes of pease, Flower & Oatemeale Shiped on board by Mr. Curtis.

Adjourned till Munday next Four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

May 15, 1682

*At a Committee* 15 *May* 1682
*Present*

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Cudworth |

Rebecca Killdale desires her husband to be called home wch. this Committee have granted her request.

Jno. Constant is Ordered to goe on board the *Prince Rupert.*[1]

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay as these persons & Summs Following

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[1] According to A.1/5, fo. 25d., the next entry should be: "Ordered that Mr. Tho. Cooke & Compa. pay as To James Smith for beames & scales £4."

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| To Robert Curtis for Flower etc. in pte. | £500. | – | – |
| To Tho. Porker by way of Imprest | £ 5. | – | – |
| To George Guyer the like | £ 6. | 13. | 4 |
| To Thom. Wells the like | £ 5. | – | – |
| To Rich. Phynness the like | £ 9. | 10. | – |

Josua Allen of London Pewterer is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares at 10 *li.* p. yeare to comence at his arrivall in the Bay where he is to be under Mr James Knight as book keeper.

It is allowed by this Committee that Mr. James Knight shall and may have liberty to take over a boy wth. him to waight upon him but shall not be any waies chargeable to the Compa.

Jno. Thomas of Redriff Shipwright is entertained in the Compa. Service to goe on board the *Cravan* as Carpenter at 50*s.* p. month to comence from breakeing of Ground at Graves end.[1]

Adjourned till to Morrow.

*At a Committee* 16 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 16, 1682

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Weymans |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Cudworth |

whereas there is wanting for the new Factorey of Porte Nellson Snow Shews It is now ordered by this Committee that whoever the Members of the Company shall accomodate the said new Factorey wth. any Snow Shews they shall be recompenced upon the returne of the ships from thence.

Ordered the 4 Drest Elke Skins now in the Posession of Mr. Byfeild be Delivered at the Hall for to be shipt for the use of the above Factorey this Expedition.

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[1] A.1/5, fo. 25d., adds: "For 3 yeares"

Ordered that all persons that desire to goe on board doe repaire to Mr. Nico. Hayward who has power by this Committee to issue forth his warrant to send them on board any of the Compa. or hired Ships that are to goe for Hudsons Bay this Expedition.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons & Summs Following

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|---|---|
| To Edward Ely for Sr. Henery Johnson for the lying of the *Albemarle* & the *Rupert* in his wett Dock for 22 weeks & 5 Dayes at 15*s*. p. week. | £17 |

Adjourned till to morrow.

May 17, 1682

*At a Committee* 17 *May* 1682
*Present*

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cudworth

Mr. Hudson appeareing to the Committee and acquaineting them the parcell of Powder the Compa. bespeake is ready according to the bill of parcells Delivered It is Ordered that Mr. Albin the Secretary give an Account to Mr. Hudson what proportion he is to Lade in the Severall Shipps and to the Severall Factories to the end Mr. Hudson may to morrow cleare the same at the Custom House.

Ordered that Mr. Evens and Company pay these persons and summs Following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Mr. Martin James or bearer | £32. | – | – |
| To Ditto for Cordage | £100. | – | – |
| To Mr. Jno. Lyons for Shott | £150. | – | – |
| To Mr. Nathaniell Groves for Coales | £12. | 19. | – |

Adjourned till to Morrow.

*At a Committee* 18 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 18, 1682

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Weymans | Mr. Cradock |
| Wm. Young esqr. | |

Thomas Cary Sawyer enters himselfe in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares the first two yeares at £10 p. yeare and the third yeare at £12 p. yeare for Porte Nellson.

Jno. Calvert Chyrurgeon enters himselfe into the Compa. Service for 3 yeares at £3 p. month for Porte Nellson and is to have 2 mo. advance.

Ordered that Mr. Evens and Company pay these persons and summs Following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Thomas Cary p. way of Imprest | £3. | – | – |
| To Walter Farr for Medicines & Gratuety | £11. | – | – |
| To Ant. Akered & Wm. Hawkins in full for Beef and Porke | £105. | 16. | – |
| To Wm. Joice for Sayles and rigging | £54. | 13. | – |
| To Wm. Batch in parte for Bred | £100. | – | – |
| To Michaell Grymington p. way of Imprest | £4. | 10. | – |

Phillip Bayly Chyrurgeon enters himselfe in the Compa. Service on board the *Prince Rupert* at £3 p. month as appeares by his obligation at large.

Charles Lombley appeares on the behalfe of Wm. Peirson now at Chychewan and desires he may be permitted to come home by the Ships.

Adjourned till to Morrow.

May 19, 1682

*At a Committee* 19 *May* 1682
*Present*

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Sr. Chris. Wren | Mr. Hayward |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Cudworth | |

Ordered that Mr. Cradock be desired to speake to Mr. Grey to provide 2 Quarter Caskes of Sherry for the Governr. Nixon allso a dozen of bottles of sack and 3 Dozen of Clarrett for the use of the Committee at Graves end.

Adjourned till to morrow at 4 a Clock.

May 20, 1682

*At a Committee* 20 *May* 1682
*Present*

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Cradock | |

Mr. Freeman appeareing at this Committee is desired to apply himselfe to the Secretary to know how and when he Shall Ship the powder bespoke of him.

Ordered Mr. Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Rich. Streeton by way of Imprest | £4. | 4. | – |
| To Wm. Bond for Disbursements | £10. | – | – |
| To Henry Snell by way of Imprest | £3. | – | – |
| To Wm. Austin by way of Imprest | £2. | 10. | – |

Henry Snellson Bricklayer enters himselfe in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares the 2 first at 10 *li.* p. yeare and the third at £12 p. yeare.

Ordered that Mr. Hayward pay to the Seale cutter for the Seale to be sent to Porte Nellson.[1]

Adjourned till munday next.

*At a Committee* 22 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 22, 1682

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Weymans |
| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Letten | Mr. Hayward |

Ordered that Mr. Evens & Company pay these persons and summs Following

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|---|---|
| To Mr. Thomas Williamson & Compa. | £122. 09. – |
| To Moses Gee for Tobacco Pipes | £4. 06. – |
| To Jno. Concett for farther Imprest mony | £2. 00. 00. |

Henry Snellson who was lately entertained in the Compa. Service for Hudsons Bay appeareing desires he may be discharged the Compa. Service wch. the Committee hath consented to, he returning £3 p. way of Imprest.

Jno. Bedell Carpenter enters himselfe into the Compa. Service for 3 yeares at £15 p. Ann.

Adjourned till to morrow 4 of the Clock.

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[1] A.1/5, fo. 27, adds "10*s*."

May 23, 1682

*Graves-End* 23 *May* 1682
*Present*

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock

Ordered that Mr. Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Nico. Hayward for Disbursements at Gravesend £50.

Ordered that a Deputation[1] be prepared for Mr. Jam. Knight Constituting him cheif Factor at Chichewan and Deputy Governr. at the bottom of the Bay. Allso Letters of Instructions[1] to Mr. Phipps who is apointed Depty. Governr. under James Knight in case Governrs. Nixons Decease or returnes.

That Mr. Bridgar be consulted wth. as to the nomination of the fittest person to succeed him as Governr. of Porte Nellson in case of his decease.

Mr. Cradock tarriying at London upon the Compa. affaires is to be added to this Committee.

May 24, 1682

*Graves-End* 24 *May* 1682
*Present*

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock

Capt. Zachary Gillam Commander of the *Prince Rupert* haveing represented to Sr. Jam. Hayes his urgent occations for money to supply his necessities and desireing an advance It is Ordered that Mr. Evens and Compa. pay the summ of £50 to the said Capt. Gillham or his order by way of Imprest to be Deducted & allowed out of his wages.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 19d., Gravesend, May 23, 1682.

Note this £50 was not paid as see the Committee 13 June 1682.[1]

Ordered that a note be Drawen on Mr. Evens and Company to be Delivered to Tho. Sawkins for Disbursements at Graves end £50.

Mr. Rich. Cradock remaineing at London upon the Companies affaires is to be added to this Comittee.

*Graves-End* 25 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 25, 1682

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| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Cradock |
| Mr. Letten | Mr. Hayward |

Ordered that Mr. White[2] out of the monies he hat [sic] of the Compa. in his hands pay these persons and summs following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Jno. Bridgar upon Acco. of his wages | £2. | 10. | – |
| To Jno. Calvert Chyrurgeon 2 m. Imprest mony | £6. | – | – |
| To Phillip Baily Chyrurgeon of the *Rupert* 2 m. Imprest money | £6. | – | – |
| To Capt. Edwards upon Acco. of the Passage of the Compa. Serveants | £15. | – | – |

Ordered that Mr. Evens & Compa. pay unto Mr. Jno. Bridgar to be imployed here as Imprest mony for the use of the Compa. £50.

Ordered that Governr. Nixon be wrote to, to pack the Goods traded in every respective Factorey by it selfe, wth. the marke of each Factory upon every perticuler persell.

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[1] The minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 1682, will appear in the next volume.

[2] The account of "Marke White of Graves End" was opened in A.15/2, fos. 125d.–126, on May 23, 1682.

May 26, 1682

*Graves-End* 26 *May* 1682
*Present*

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| Wm. Young esqr. | Mr. Letten |
| Mr. Cradock | Mr. Hayward |

Upon the view this morneing of Capt. Zachary Gillams Ship the *Prince Rupert*, findeing her exterordinarly pestred and Severall parcells of our Merchandizes upon his Deck exposed to any ill weather that may happen. It was resolved and we have thereupon Ordered a hoy[1] be Immediately sent on board the said Ship to take out soe much of the Ships Provisions and put them on board the hired Ships the *Lucy* and *Friendship* as may make convenient Stoage in the hold for the said Merchandize as allso for the severall parcells wch. ley upon the Deck of the Ship *Albemarle*.

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto Jno. Thomas Carpenter of the *Cravan* for 2 m. Imprest money £5.

May 27, 1682

*Graves-End* 27 *May* 82
*Present*

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| Sr. Jam. Hayes | Mr. Cradock |
| Wm Young esqr. | Mr. Hayward |
| Mr. Letten | |

Capt. Zacharia Gillam absenting himselfe to the neglect and prejudice of the Compa. affaires It is Ordered by this Committee that in case he be not ready to Sayle by munday next that Mr Cradock and Mr. Hayward be desired to entertaine some othr. person as Commander of the *Prince Rupert* for the present Expedition.

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[1] Burney, *Universal Dictionary of the Marine . . . by William Falconer*, "Hoy (*bateau de passage*, Fr.), a small vessel, usually rigged as a sloop, and employed in carrying passengers and goods from one place to another, particularly on the sea-coast, where the ordinary lighters cannot be managed with safety or convenience . . ."

Ordered that Mr. Cradock & Mr. Hayward be a Sub Committee and hereby impowered to Doe, act and performe all matters and Affaires relateing to the Dispatch of the Ships as effectually as if a full Committee and what ever shall be by them transacted shall be Allowed and approved of by this Committee.

Edward Jones is entertained in the Compa. Service for Porte Nellson as house Carpenter at £15 p. yeare for 3 yeares to commence upon his arrivall in the Countrey.

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto these persons and summs following as

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Wm. Chub in farthr. paymnt. by way of Imprest | £1. | 10. | – |
| To Jam. Harris by way of Imprest | £3. | 10. | – |
| To Edward Jones p. way of Imprest | £5. | – | – |
| To Robt. Charleton ½ pay of the *Craven* Crew | £1. | 02. | – |
| To Jno. Anderson the like[1] | £1. | 10. | – |
| To Alex. Baine the like[1] | £1. | 10. | – |
| To Thom. Porker the like | £1. | 11. | 8 |
| To St. Jno. Skinner the like | £0. | 12. | – |
| To Geo Gester ½ pay *Craven* Crew | £0. | 15. | 7 |
| To Jno. Biddle Imprest mony | £3. | – | – |
| To Sr. Jam. Hayes for Disbursements | £1. | 01. | – |
| To Robt. Charleton p. way of Imprest | £2. | 14. | – |
| To Jno. Anderson the like | £2. | 10. | – |

Ordered that Mr. White pay these persons and summs Following as

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| To Alex. Bayne p. way of Imprest | £2. | 10. | – |
| To St. Jno. Skinner the like | £2. | – | – |

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[1] A.1/5, fo. 28d., ordered £1. 0*s*. 10*d*. to be paid each to Anderson and Baine, and confirmation of this amount is obtained from the journal, A.15/2, fo. 38.

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| To Geo. Gester the like | £2. | 10. | – |
| To Wm. Thaxter the like in parte | £1. | 15. | 2 |
| To Jno. Thomas ½ pay Carpenter of the *Craven* | £0. | 10. | – |
| To Michaell Grymington p. way of Imprest | £2. | 05. | – |
| To Tho. Savage the like | £2. | 10. | – |
| To Mich. Butters Hoyman for the Hire of his Vessell | £1. | – | – |

Wm. Thaxter is entertained in the Compa. Service now on board the *Craven* at 28*s*. p. month to commence from breakeing of ground at Gravesend.

Ordered that the two Barrells pruens provided p. Mr. Letten the one of them on board the *Friendship* Sam. Edwards Master, and the other on bard [sic] the *Lucy* Nico. Reymer Master both wthout. marke or number.

Tho. Porker mate of the *Craven* intreateing leave to returne home in 18 mo. or 2 yeares if he desires it the Committee have consented to his request and doe order their Governr. in Hudson Bay to comply herewth. accordingly.

May 28, 1682

*Graves-End* 28 *May* 1682
*Present*

Sr. Jam Hayes
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward

Capt. Sam. Edwards Commander of the *Friendship* now bound for Hudson Bay appeared before the Committee and made oath neither Directly or indirectly to drive any private Trade outward or homewards dureing the present Expedition and to use all possible meanes he can to prevent private trade in others.

Ordered that Mr. Sam. Edwards doe not receive on board his ship Mr. James Knight[1] wthout. a warrant from some of the Committee. The like order given to Capt. Reymr. not to receive Mr. Knight wthout. a warrant from some of the Committee.

Ordered that Mr. White pay these persons and summs Following

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|---|---|
| To Capt. Nico. Reymer upon Acco. of the Passage of the Companies serveants | £10. |
| To Tho. Willkinson p. way of Imprest | £1. |
| To Jno. Dallton the like | £1. |

Ordered that Tho. Porker Mate of the *Craven* Capt. Bond Commander Deliver the two Quarter caskes of Sherry one to Capt. Sam. Edwards the other to Capt. Nico. Reymer wch. was intended for Governr. Nixon and upon their arrivall at Hudson Bay to be Delivered to the Governr. as the Compa. present.

It is since agreed upon that the Orders given against Mr. Jam. Knight going on board be reversed, he haveing given the Compa. ample sattisfaction.

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[1] Apparently a disagreement arose between Knight and the Committee at the last moment. It was evidently not of a serious nature as no reference was made to it in the dispatches to Hudson Bay.

May 29, 1682

*Graves-End* 29 *May* 1682
*Present*

Mr. Cradock Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto Capt. Sam. Edwards £10 whereof £5 is upon Farther Acco. of the passage of the Compa. Serveants and the other £5 as a Gratuety from the Compa. in referrence to George Hunter Mate of the said ship.

The Dispatches & letters were yesterday given to Capt. Sam. Edwards[1] Master of the *Friendship* and to Capt. Nico. Reymer[1] master of the *Lucy* who were Ordered to Sayle & Departe upon the present Expedition to Hudsons Bay.

Ordered that Mr. Hayward goe wth. Capt. Bond on board his Ship and Deliver him his Chest, beding Cloatheing and what else belongs to him.

Capt. Wm. Bond submitting himselfe to the Committee his Transgressions[2] are remitted and he is againe received into the Compa. favor and service.

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto Capt. Bond for Imprest money & for Disbursements £12 of wch. he is to rendr. an Acco.

To Wm. Bond p. way of Advance £20 of wch. he is to render an Acco.

The Dispatches & Sayleing Orders[3] of Capt. Wm. Bond were

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[1] There are no copies of these instructions in the letter book A.6/1.

[2] According to A.6/1, fo. 20, this " young blade " at first refused to take the oath not to " drive any private trade ".

[3] A.6/1, fo. 13b., May 15, 1682, Commission from the Governor and Committee appointing William Bond commander of the *Craven* pink. Ibid.,

Delivered him and he required to Departe the next tide upon the present Expedition for Hudsons Bay.

*Graves-End* 30 *May* 1682
*Present*

May 30,
1682

Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Mr. White pay these persons and Summs Following

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Sam. Cole mate in Capt. Gillam ½ pay | £1. | 8. | – |
| To Rich. Taylor Boateswaine the like | £0. | 15. | – |
| Rich. Streeton the like | £0. | 13. | 10 |
| To Henry Gun the like | £2. | – | – |
| To Jno. Hickson the like | £0. | 05. | 11 |
| To Rich. Sally the like | £0. | 16. | – |
| To Ber. Fones the like | £0. | 14. | – |
| To Tho. Goldborne | £0. | 5. | 6 |
| To Dan. Wattell the like | £0. | 6. | – |
| To Jno. Cheeck the like | £0. | 4. | 9 |
| To Jno. Ward the like | £0. | 4. | 7 |
| To Tho. Barton the like | £0. | 4. | 7 |
| To Tho. Harpin the like | £0. | 5. | – |
| To Robt. Breeden the like | £0. | 10. | – |
| In all to Capt. Gillams Crew to ½ pay | £8. | 13. | 2 |

May 15, 1682, Governor and Committee to Bond, instructing him to sail in company with the *Lucy* to Charlton Island and there place himself under Governor Nixon's orders.

Ordered that Mr. White pay the Summ of £46. 12. for the Imprest money of Capt. Zachary Gillhams Crew. Vizt.

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| To Sam. Cole for 2 m. advance | £7. | – | – |
| To Rich. Taylor the like | £5. | – | – |
| To Henry Gun the like | £6. | – | – |
| To Jno. Hickson the like | £3. | 04. | – |
| To Rich. Salley 2 m. advance | £4. | – | – |
| To Ber. Fones the like | £2. | 16. | – |
| To Tho. Galborne the like | £2. | 16. | – |
| To Dan. Wattell the like | £3. | – | – |
| To Jno. Cheeck the like | £2. | 12. | 0 |
| To Jno. Ward the like | £2. | 10. | – |
| To Tho. Burton the like | £2. | 10. | – |
| To Tho. Harpin the like | £2. | 14. | – |
| To Robt. Breedon the[1] | | | |
| To Capt. Zachary Gillams Crew 2 m. Advance | £46. | 12. | – |

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto Capt. Sandford Crew their ½ pay as Follows

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| To Edward Gunn ½ pay | £1. | 6. | 8 |
| To Edw. Cutbert Winter the like | £0. | 17. | 6 |
| To Chris. Chesman the like | £2. | – | 6 |
| To Ralph Peate the like | £0. | 13. | – |
| To Jno. Fones[2] the like | £0. | 05. | 7 |
| To Jno. Nicholson the like | £0. | 03. | 4 |
| To Rich. Pearson the like | £0. | 03. | 4 |
| The ½ pay for Capt. Sandefords Crew amo. to | £5. | 09. | 11 |

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[1] A.1/5, fo. 30, gives the amount against Breedon's name as £2. 10*s*. 0*d*., thus making the correct total of £46. 12*s*. 0*d*.

[2] In A.1/5, fo. 30d., this name is given as "John Tomes", the name under which his account appears in the ledger A.14/4, fos. 127d.–128.

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto Capt. Sandfords Crew 2 m advance as Foll.

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| To Ew. Gun 2 m. advance | £5. | – | – |
| To Cudbert Winter the like | £3. | 10. | – |
| To Chris. Chesman the like | £4. | 10. | – |
| To Ralph Peate the like | £2. | 12. | – |
| To Jno. Fones the like | £2. | 16. | – |
| To Jno. Nicholson the like | £2. | 16. | – |
| To Rich. Pearson the like | £2. | 16. | – |
| In all for 2 m. Advance | £24. | – | – |

Ordered that Mr. Evens & Compa. pay as To Capt. Ezbon Sandford or bearer for Disbursements £8.

Ordered Mr. White to pay Capt. Ezbon Sandford as

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| To Capt. Sandford for 2 m. Imprest for his Serveant Edw. Beasly | £1. | 06. | – |
| To Ditto for Disbursements | £0. | 16. | 2 |
| To Ditto for fresh Provisions | £1. | 10. | – |
| In all | £3. | 12. | 2 |

Ordered that a note be Drawen upon Mr. Evens and Compa. to pay as To Robt. Rogers for Expences at Graves-end £100.

The Commissions and Instructions[1] were now Delivered to

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 13bd., May 15, 1682, Commission from the Governor and Committee appointing Ezbon Sandford commander of the *Albemarle*. Ibid., Governor and Committee to Sandford, May 15, 1682, instructing him to sail in company with the *Prince Rupert* for "Port Nelson in Buttons Bay", where he was to winter under the direction of the Governor there, John Bridgar. In the spring of 1683 Sandford was to sail to Charlton Island for further instructions. Ibid., fo. 21, Committee to Sandford, Gravesend, May 31, 1682, Sandford to succeed to the Governorship of Port Nelson in the event of Bridgar's death.

Capt. Ezbon Sandford Commander of the *Albemarle* bound for Porte Nellson.

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto Jam. Blaymire Gunsmith for P N[1] p. way of Imprest £1. 00. 00.

May 31, 1682

*Graves-End* 31 *May* 1682
*Present*

Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that a letter be sent p. Capt. Gillham to Governr. Nixon[2] & a Coppy of Capt. Bonds obligation inclosed in it.

Ordered that a Deputation be Drawen up apointing Capt. Ezbon Sandford to be Depty. Governr. at Port Nellson and to enter into the Governement in case of the decease of Jno. Bridgar esqr.

Ordered that Mr. White pay unto these persons Following as

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| To Mr. Jno. Bridgar and Capt. Gillam for fresh Provisions | £3. | – | – |
| To Mr. Jno. Bridgar p. way of Advance | £3. | 10. | – |
| To Wm. Austin p. way of Advance | £0. | 05. | – |
| To Capt. Gardner upon Acco. | £1. | – | – |
| To Capt. Zachary Gillam for Disbursements | £11. | 09. | – |
| To Mr. Calvert Chyrurgion of Porte Nellson | £1. | – | – |
| Ordered that £50 more be paid Capt. Zachary Gillams wife p. way of Imprest On Stephen Evens and Company[3] | £50. | – | – |

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[1] I.e., Port Nelson.

[2] A.6/1, fos. 16–18$^{b}$., 20–1.

[3] See p. 225.

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| Ordered that Mr. White pay unto Mr. Jno. Bridgar upon Acco. | £1. 2. 6 |

The Commission and Instructions[1] were now given to Captaine Zachary Gillam Commander of the *Prince Rupert* wth. his sayleing Orders.

The Commission and Instructions[2] at the same time were given to John Bridgar esqr. Governr. at Porte Nellson.

Ordered that Mr. Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Rich. Cradock towards the reckoning of Mr. White £16. 07.

To Capt. Gardner for charges and troble £6.

Ordered Mr. White pay Tho. Care p. way of Imprest £0. 08.

Ordered that 8*s*. 1*d*. be Demaunded of Mr. Letten for butter he bought in the Towne for the use of his Family wch. the Committee allowed in Mr. Whites Acco.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock pay unto Mr. White for a farther reckoning £1. 04.

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 June.

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[1] A.6/1, fos. 18d.–19. Gillam was instructed to sail for Port Nelson, where he was to help John Bridgar build a fort. He was then to winter at Rupert River or as directed by Governor Nixon.

[2] A.6/1, fo. 14, May 15, 1682, Commission from the Governor and Committee appointing John Bridgar "Governor & Commander of and in the river called Port Nelson and of and in all the rivers Lands and Territories Isles Creekes & Lakes from Cape Henrietta Maria Northward upon the West main in the Bay called Buttons Bay . . ." Ibid., fos. 14d.–15d., Governor and Committee to Bridgar, May 15, 1682, instructing him amongst other things to build a house and fort at Port Nelson and "to Penetrate into the Countrey to make . . . discovries . . . and to gett an Acquaintance and Comerce with the Indians . . ."

# APPENDIX A

## REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE BY JOHN NIXON, 1682

# APPENDIX A

## REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE BY JOHN NIXON 1682[1]

My Lords haveing dispatch'd the *Reuport*, and *Albimarle*,[2] which I hope in God, are safe arrived to your hands, These are to continue the most necessarie intelligents, that are need full for your Honors to knowe, for I would not have yow ignorant of any thing of moment: after the departour of the ships aforesaid, it being the 9th of August, I continued upon Charletone island, to build a house; haveing the yaught and the sloup's company to help me. The house is 20 foot squaire, and 2 stories, and a halfe high, the which if wee had not built, your goods inavoydably for the most parte had been lost, or spoyled: (as I shall acquaint yow heerafter) and at that time we were greatly put to it, both for want of provisiones for the men, and necessaries for building (viz.) board, nailes, and iron-worke, I sent Capt. Cobbie in the *Prudent-maries* longe-boat, and some men with him, to see if they could get any of the boards, of the *Prudent-maries* deck, or any of her iron-worke: then lying on Titterlie's island, but by reason of a contrairy wind, they were forsed back the first tyme, but the second tyme they set forth, with a great deale of hazard they recovered the Island, and made search about it for boards but found none, Capt. Grinway haveing been there himselfe had burned all that was good for anything wee found a small anchor there, which stood us in good steed for the yaught, whilest they were there it rose a great storme, in so much that I was much affraied of their saifty, but it pleased God to preserve them, through great dangers, both of hunger, could, and the tempestuous sea, all which they under-went before they retourned to me, at Charletone Island; and after their retourne we finished the house as well as we could, but by reason of the want of boards, to lay the floores withall, and morter, to lay the tiles, the better to keep out the drift snowe, we were necessitat to lay them without, morter, which will defend the raine weell enough, And our victualls being allmost spent and no appearance of any shi[p] it being the the 13th of september, I doubted of seeng any this year, but concluded to stay untill the 15th of this moneth, and then to go to our quarters but upon the 12 day some of our men being in the woods, heard a great gu[n] at sea, whereupon they came home and tould it me, and I sent out Thoma[s] Garland in the Sloup to crous to the westward to see if he could spy any Ship, and to goe to her, and assist them what he could to bring her Into the sound, and if he found non, that he should goe to poynt-comfort and see if there were any there, and if non there, that he should shoot us a few gees, and retourn back, that wee might goe to our winter quarters but (as it pleased God) in the offing he spyed the ship, and went on-bard of her to bring her in, and sent away the sloup to acquaint me, but as they were a comming in, the ship strooke, and beat her rudder off, and lost it but immediatly they stood off into deep water, and came to ane anchor, one the 15th day it blow verry hard, notwithstanding I went out to them, and Mr. Cobbie with me, and the weather proveing faire, I caused a coyll of junk to be towed at her sterne, and by that (through Gods mercy) wee steered her in, upon the 16th day, (indeed a fitter tyme for us to have been in our winter-quarters) so soon as the ship came into the road, wee made what hast we could to deliver her, but partely by bad weather, and partely by their neglect, that they would not, or could not, rummage to dispatch the two vessels, the moneth was far spent, before we could send them away, the yaught for mous-river, and the sloup to chechecheawan but upon their retourne they lost each of them ane anchor, and were in great danger of being cast away, which if they had the countrie had been at ane unrecoverable loss, for want of them, to transport the goods to the factories, (but as it pleased God they both arrived safe with the loss only of their anchors as aforesaid) then wee loaded the sloup for Ruperts East river and sent her away and in the yaught we intended for mous-river, it being then the middle of October, and the winds hanging westerly, we could not get away though we put for it three severall tymes, and it was no ways apparent that we could gett into any river upon the maine, for the ice drove so much at sea that we absolutly concluded the rivers were frozne up wherefore we agreed upon it, that it was our safest way to lay up the yaught at Charletone Island, for the winter: and to see if by any means possible, we could get over for the maine in a longeboat, to informe the people how the case was with us, whereupon I sent Mr. Phips with a commission for deputy governor, the necessity of the time so requiering, leest there should be any distractions in the factories, as also fearing the aprehensions which they might have of our being lost, (viz.) My selfe, Mr. Cobbie, Mr. Phips, and 13 men more in the yaught: all which they not knowing of our weelfaire, might be the occasion of great disorders, at the factories, or the indians (finding of them careless, and knowing their weakeness, and I not amongst them) might take ane opportunity and surprise them, and take their factories, all which rightly pondered Mr. Phips, did voluntarily offer himselfe and 4 men alongst with him, to try if he could by any meens get over for the maine, in the *prudent-maries* pinnance, but by reason of the ice they were forsed to put back againe and upon the 5 of November he put out the second tyme, but how they arrived tyme will showe in due place, I ordered Mr. Phips that (if it pleased God) he got well to Mous-river he should send some men from thence to CheCheCheawan, to strenthne that factorie, and to oversee the factorie till my arrivell in the summer.

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[1] Royal Society, The Boyle Papers (Misc.), XL. Published by kind permission of the Royal Society.

[2] In the summer of 1681.

Now my Lords, I pray yow to look back into your last years letter, and and see whither my feare of a great ships, comming into the country was grounded upon good reason or no, the danger, and trouble whereof hath most evidently appeared to my great grief and sorrow, it being that which I allways dreaded since my coming into the country, for a big ship is in no ways fit for the supply of this country as a smaller ship may be, the which I will make appear, first they are of a great draft of water and fall heavy in the ice, neither can they turne, and wind, so quick in the ice as a smaller may, neither dare the maisters be so bould, as to make the best of their way, if they be not weel experienced in their soundings which I conceve to be the great reason of their long voages outwards, they many tymes lying by when they have a faire wind and should make the best of their way, but by reason of the thickness and foggie weather and their inexpertness in the soundings, they prolonge their time in comeing to us, so that it being so late in the year, we have no tyme to transporte the goods, to the factories, (woefull experience hath made it manifest this yeare,) not-withstanding all the dilligence which was taken for the quick transportation of the goods, but what success we had you have allreddie hard, so that if I had not furnished CheCheCheawan in the summer with all the provisions that I could possibily spaire, it had not been the loadning of a sloup about 6 tunn, which would have supplyed that factory If they had not had that supply in the summer from the other factory for it is but one monethes differance to the supply of the factories whither the good be at Charletone Island or in England, and so the factories may be starved, and the Indians disappoynted, & befor we can get the goods transported to them, it will be the last of June;

Now I pray yow to considder what a laberinth of troubles I have to goe through, by your sending of great ships, and how unavoydably you must be at a great charge, either to transport them the same year, or house them at Charletone, for to transport the goods from Charletone to the factories in two small vessels, besides the great danger they are in, (it being so late in the fall) it is impossible, for them to doe it, and if more it would augment a greter charge upon yow to keep so many men, a whole yeare, for one moneths labor, and if you house the goods at Charletone, then yow must leev a guard with them till nixt summer, and that is lykewise chargeable, besides it draweth a great number of our strenth from their labour, to tend the ships at the factories, which are allways scarce of men to guard them and to doe those necessary bussinesses which are to be doon about them, (viz.) to look after our gardings, and the killing of gees in the tyme of year, and cutting of our wood for the winter, all which doth help much to the saveing of our English provisions, which for the want of good husbandry and looking over, is the cause of great want: besides this I must leave the cheef factory with some to governe in it, who can not governe themselves during the time of my absence, (as I have found by experience. and if any thing falls out other-wise then weel, it will redound to my loss and disgrace. moreover it is much to our credit to dispatch our bussiness at the chief factory so that the Indians may see our strenth, and receve our goods betimes and goe away satisfied, up into the country and give intelligence to the other Indians, of their quick dispatch and good usage, the which may prove a great advance to our trade, the Indians which are about us expect their benevolence in the fall, before they goe up into the woods as it hath been a custome for them.

Considder also what heart breaking distractions a poore man must needs have both in heart and braine, (who hath a naturall care of his charge where-on his life and credit doth chiefly consist) to be put to such needles troubles as hapneth to me, as also your great loss, if all things were rightly considered, as shall be made appeare hearefter in this insuing discourse. for one may as soon have intelligence from East-india to London, as from the maine to Charleton island.

February the 7th day I did send Richard Naldrige and one of the boys alonst with him, to see if by any meens possible they could goe over to the maine with a pacquet, but they retourned the same day and tould me that ther was no possibility of getting to the maine, by reason of the bays being opne, and the ice dryving to and fro in it, The nixt thing that I have to advertise yow of is, the great loss of boats, which we have by reason of our delivering at Charletone island, and when they are lost we have no stuff to build others withall, so that for lake of boats at the factories, which they can not weel be without if the vessals in going out or comming in should come to any dissaster, we can by no meens aid or assist them, so that consequently we must stand and look on, and see them perrish, Thirdly, the thing to be taken into considderation is, that if it shall happne that a ship should stand in need of any smiths worke to be doon to her (as for instance the *dilligence*) who for want of spare rudder irons, we are forsed to call our smiths from their bussines's at the factories, to make their rudder irons, The 4 thing that I am to advertise yow of is, that when a ship comes to Charletone island, there must of necessity be a great parte of the company drawn thither to attend their comming, some of whome their tymes being out expect to goe home, others who hath promised to stay, upon whom I depend, to supply such places as they are fit for, seing them weel condissioned but indeed most or all of them have got privat trade more, or less, which I can not possibly come to the knowledge of, they being so great with the maisters and the ships company, that I am no more looked upon at that time then a cipher especially when they are in their drink, so that if I command them about their bussiness presently they will hit me in the teeth of their times being out, and that they will goe home, the maister, and sea-men seeng this, and finding that it is best fishing in moodie waters, doe as I feare more furder these dissentions then by any meens hinder them, these things hath not only fall'n out in my time but were in Mr. Bailys also, instance a passage which I both sawe, and heard the first night that I arrived at poynt-comfort in the *John and Alexander* Mr. Baily came on-board, and I did cary my selfe towards him with all civill respect as I would expect from one that should come to succeid me, there was then alongst with him, Capt. Powers, and doctor Rainer, both of them so drunk as beasts, who abused him after such a gross maner, that I was ashamed to see their cariage towards their ould governor, and of their impudence before me, but my commission was not read, or otherways I would have chastised them for their insolence, neither was I willing to showe my selfe sullin at first, least there should be any dislyk of me at my first comming notwithstanding I tould Mr. Baily that his pouer was good untill my commission was read, and that he might help himselfe in these things, I wrot to yor. Honors, and informed you fully what trouble and vexation a governor was in, at such a drunkne tyme, when all things are doon in haste and in confusion, and the winter a comeing on, and he hath his goods to house, and the ship to dispatch if she be great, and of the mens tyms which are expyred, who takeing that opportunity (to insult after a governor) that their times are expiered, and they are keept by forse, so that he is forsed to beg and pray them to stay for their advancement, and in so doing he maketh himself a slave to their humors, which if necessity did not require it, (that the country might not be left desolat) a man would not be beholdne to them for their service, and these are the effects of sending great ships to the country, another great inconviance there is in it, that if it should hapne that there should arrise any warrs between us and any nigbouring nation, how easie would it be for one of your discontented servants to pilot a man of warr into Charletone island; and there to surprise us and all the bever, and haveing taken the ship, and your governour, they may at ane easie rate have the country surrandered to them, and make the nixt winters trade, and so retourn home with 2 years trade at once, and secure the country for themselves; or burn it as they please, I have hard these things fall from the mouth of one who is not unlikly to interprise it, if he should have the occasion, so that yow see all these dangers, may come upon us, for want of a true method to rule our effairs by,

Now my lords, haveing showne yow our letts which hinder us that we can not accomplish our worke, with ease, safty, nor profit, I shall examine the charge yow are at in supplying of the country, as for the first yow appoynt the *Ruport*, *Albemarle*, and the *Collingtone* yaught, to remaine in the country and a great ship to come to Charletone, island

and there to deliver her loading, now I come to treat of their charge, (viz.)

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| The first (viz.) the *Dilligence* her charge | 1000 |
| The *Ruports* charge | 450 |
| The *Albimarles* charge | 290 |
| The *Collinton* yaughts charge | 170 |
| The sloups charge | 80 |
| sum totall | 1990 |

Yow see that the charge your oun ships are at, and the mens wages, comes to neare 0990 pounds in hand, besyds meat, and drink, weare, and teer for the vessells, I further showe my humble advice how all things may be set into a better method, first, it is needfull that there be always two years provisions & trade in the country that is to say one years in august, when the ship is departed from hence, secondly that yow cause build a ship of 90 tunns or more, provided allway's that she drawe not above, 9, foot water, at her deepest loading marke, that she may beare saile at, 8 foot, And this ship may bring in goods sufficiant for the country if your Honors will be pleased to adhear to my advice, (viz.) yow shall send no more bread into the country then just to serve the ship out, and home, but in the place thereof to send meall and flower, and put so many of the pease in the bread-room as will be conveniant, for to fill up the chinces, so that some part of your pease may come fraught free, again if yow would stowe your kettles amongst your malt, it is but to tye some broun paper about their bailes and stow them in the malt, they will take no more room then if they were a sollid piece of bras, and be safer from bruising, one against another, and if yow should send some mullases so weel as malt, one gallon of the same is as good as one bushell of malt, but I would advise yow to take your malt of your brewer for he will not be cheated by the malt-man, and yow may send us some hopes which yow may stow in the gun chests, and that will keep the guns from breaking one against another, thus haveing stowed your ship to the best advantage and that yow send not such lumber as wasts your mony and taketh up your fraught to no uce (viz.) tyles, pins, laths, slit-deales, &c., which we wryt not for, but your giving head to othermens woords, I humbly beg your honors that yow will give head to my advice heerin, and if God give a blessing to our indevours, yow will find the profit of it and we the credit; the ship which I have mentioned to yow before (viz.) one of 90 tunn or theirabouts, may come to us at or towards the letter end of august, which is a good tyme of the year That she may come in to mous-river and there to winter, by this meens we may unload with safety and avoyd those troubles, losses, tumults, and dangers afore mentioned, and our gallantry may be apparant in the sight of the Indians, which will prove much to the advance of our trade, likways we have small trouble to land our goods, and secure them, and if there be anything damnified to help it presently so weel as we can, or any caskes broke we ar neare the warehouse where they may be secured, so that these things being over, we have nothing els to doe but to provide for our winters provisions of what the country can afford us, it being then a tyme of the yeare which if made use of, may be a great help to the saveing of our English victuals and with what our gardine produceth, for at that time we may probably save 2 hogs-heads of gees, and 3 or 4 hogs-heads of turnips, besides colewarts, all which is a great refreshing to the men, more especially to these who are neuly come from the sea, being a great many of them seek of the scurvy, so that I would beg yow to considder how those things can be doon when I and most of the men are from the factories, for I have come from Charletone Island laite in the year about the 8 of october which is the tyme that the gees begin to departe, and their hath not been one goos saved, neither hath there been wood got for the winter, nor any thing doon in good order but all things devoured to admiration, (the ould saying is true, that the eye of the Mr. maketh the horse fat,) and this is the effects of being longe absent from the factories.

It were also necessary that we had a sloup of 30 tunn, to transport the goods from factorie, to factorie, but she must not drawe above 5 foot water, and have a strong floor, yea all strong and weel fitted with all necessaries, for she will be richly loadned, both back, and forewards, especially when she goeth to Chechecheawan, And then we may doe our worke in the pryme of the yeare when we have faire weather, smooth water, and longe dayes all which will be a great ease for the men, and safety for all things, and we can doe our worke with deliberation, and have the goods brought to the chief factorie, and the out factories supplyed, and their accompts takne so that we shall have nothing els to doe but to examine the accompts, pack up our beaver, and dispatch the ship against the 16 of august, which is the best and safest tyme of the yeare for her to goe home in, and these things being over we may every man send his oune charge, and tend the comeing of the nixt ship to the same harbor, by the letter end of the same moneth, now my Masters these things being so ordered, (and if I were ane insurer) I now I would insure your goods home 20 pr. cent cheaper, then I would doe now as the country is supplyed,

Now haveing shoune my advice, and the trouble and loss on both syds, let us now examine the differance of charge; (viz.) the charges that the great ship may come to, will be for one yeare, that is to say for wear, and teer, victualls, and waedges, from their comeing out of England,

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| to her going home, for 16 men - - - - | 1000 |
| Ittem for the sloup, her master, and three men - | 0100 |
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That is all the seamen that I desire for the sailing of the sloup to make 2 turns for Chechecheawan, in one year, and the other two vessels may remaine in the river and if we shall have occasion for more vessels at sea, at on tyme, we can easely take three or fower men out of the ship to saile them, for I know no reason why the men that belonge to the ship may not take a turne in the sloup to help to load her, as they doe at virginia.

Another benefit that will arrise by the ships being at the maine factorie is, that she will be a guard to it, moreover it would be a great saveing of cables and anchors, and boats, and indeed all things would be the better preserved in good order Now haveing given my advice concerning the ships, and vessells, the nixt that I ame to treat of, is our men and forts, one of the greatest plagues that I have, for the men doe pretend their tymes are out, the trooth of which I am ignorant in, for yow doe not wryt to me how longe they have served, or are to serve, but yow send order for their comeing home, and sendeth me non to supply their places, (instance) yow sent for your smith, but sent me non in his roome, I strange how yow think we can be without one in the country, and it falls oftne out that a vessell stands in need of iron worke, without which she can not goe to sea, and so consequently your goods can not be trasported from place, to place, neither can we supply the factories with goods, and provisions, nor bring the beaver from the factories to the ships, if we have not all things necessary to doe our worke withall, experience hath sufficiently taught us, how for want of a small thing we have been at a great loss, and what I have writ of a smith, the same I may wryt of a Carpinter. To think how this country hath been served would greive any man that hath a charge in it, for sometyms we have coalls, and no iron, sometyms iron, and steel, but no smith, otherwhiles no grind-stones, sometyms much of on thing, and want of aneother, so that there hath been no certain method for any thing, The reason that I have enlarged so much upon evry subject is, to convince your judgments, that if yow will reap the profits of this country yow must use the meens, and follow the advice of your Governor, and if yow think him not capable of giveing yow advice I desire that yow would remove him, and place one in his roome upon whose judgment your Honors may better confide,

I assure yow I spend many hours (when others take their quiet rests,) to considder of what is most needfull to be doone both to get and to save, for it greiveth me much to see things goe to your loss, and I not in a capasity to help it, I doe much woonder that yow have had so litle fore-sight, as to have sent such a ship of accommodations into the country, and not to have sent some men in her to supply the places of of those whose tymes are out, Is it not grief enough for me to be troubled with other things, but I must be a slave to the humors of them that should obay me, for to mend this neglect if yow have not sent men before these come to your hands, yow must send 12 men at least into the country.

But for your better advice, the country will require 50 men in all, besides the ships company aforesaid, which is to winter in the country (viz.) at Chechecheawan, there aught to be 23 men, that is to say the factor, on Chyrurgion, two taylors, and one man that hath been ane ould souldier, whose office shall be to to keep the men in order, and traine them up in marshall dissipline, and keepe them to their worke, and to watch and ward, In the time of trading when wee have a great many Indians about the factorie, as also yow are to have one that can look after the guns, with ane armorer, and one calker, and 15 men besides which are in all 23.

At Ruports west river, there should be 22 men, (viz.) yowr Governor, the ware house keeper, (or the deputy governor) the ships Chyrurgion may serve for that factory two taylors, one smith, one Carpinter, twoo Sawiers, one sargant for the uses aforesaid, one gunner one secretary to doe the governors bussiness, and to help to coppie out papers, one couper, the maister of the sloup and three sea-men, with 7 other men and boys which are in all 22. These things being so ordered the men whose tymes are out, and to depart the country should give one years warning to the Governor, that he may wryt to your Honors for a supply in their roomes, that they may not surprise him in their drunkn-fits as it hath been their custome all alonge, both in maister Baylies tyme, and mine, yea in the verry height of bussiness when the country is to be supplyed and the ship dispatched, to prevent which, when the small vessalls goe to the factories with provisions and bring back the beaver, then these men who are to goe home, can retourn in them, and so we have our business doon with delibiration, and content, and they may goe home in peace.

I have seen a great deall of bad husbandry in the mannaging of your country when you send men of great wages, and are not sensible what they can doe for their wages, (one may goe to a faire and buy a ragged horse for 40*s*., that will prove better then a horse of 20 pound) wherefor I pray yow to send me Some country lads, that are not acquainted, with stronge dink, that will woorke hard, and faire hard, and are not debauched with the voluptwousness of the city Therefore my advice is that yow would send over yearely 5 lykly country lads of 17 or 18 years of age, and let their tyms be 7 years, so that before their tymes be out they will be lusty younge-men, and fit for your service both at sea, and land, and at small wages, These things so observed, and our business to be most at home we can make hay in the tyme of yeare, to feed a good heard of goats, and look after our gardines, and try whither corn will growe or not, I am in good hopes that Buc-wheat, will growe by reason of the quickness of the grouth thereof wherefor I desire that yow would send me a litle for a tryle, we will make a tryle of burning lyme stone which is a thing wee stand greatly in need of, I would not trouble yow for any thing out of England that I could get heer, by reasone of the charge of the fraught theireof and its pryme coast;

In refferance to the taylors which I have mentioned to yow, I am confident they will pay their wages double, in makeing of the seal-close, and close for your servants, as I shall make it appeare: I have made ane experiment that 2 yeards and ½ a quarter of cloath, will make a full coat, and a cape, as for what yow give for cloath and makeing I know not, but if your invoyce be true, the man's plaine coat comes to 14*s*. pr. coat, and your capes 3*s*./3*d*. pr. piece, your broad-cloath coast 4*s*./6*d*. pr. yeard, now then 2 yeards and a halfe qr. makeing both coat and cape amounts to 9*s*./9*d*., so that consequently your tayler hath 7*s*./6*d*. for the makeing of them besyds the stokine and sleeves, and if my judgement faile me not yow are 50 pounds out for makeing the cloaths stokins and sleeves, (besides they are not well sowed) It is a great vexation to me to see a poore Indiane with his coat all seem-rent, in less then

6 weeks tyme, and when they are torne the poore rogues can not mend them, but must suffer could in winter, and just occasione have they to say we have stole their beaver, to my great shame and your loss, I humbly conceave that if yow had taylers in the country they would benefit yow 100 *lib.* pr. annum, what by the goodness of the makeing, the saveing of cabbeg, and and the pryce of their makeing in England, these things considered 100 *lib.* pr. annum, may well pay 5 taylers, their wages; if a man would looke out some young-men who are newly out of their tymes, that must worke for a groat or sixpence a day and haveing them in the country we could the better discerne who made bad worke. The lyk of your smiths It is a wonder to me that for all our wryting ever since the country hath been settled, that Englad can not furnish us with good edge toules, you have verry bad fortoun that you can find non, I have seen good edge tweles mad[e] in England, but I feare it is your fate to be cheated.

Wherefor it wer a great deall better that they were to be made by the smiths in the country I am sure that 5*d.* worth of stuff will mak a hatchet, (viz.) iron 3*d.*, steel 1*d.*, and coalls 1*d.*, as for the smith we must have him (whither he make your iron worke or not) for the use of the factories, and what yow are out for hatchets in the country yow will see the accompt, so that I conclud the smiths will pay their wages by their worke, and the ware good to the Indian's minds, the ice chissles nor indeed no other iron worke that yow send over is made to their minds, and that is the great cause that a great deall of beaver goeth to the frens which otherways would come to us:

The nixt is 2 sawyers, for want of whome yow have susstained loss and dammage in your goods, more then would pay three tymes their wages, how doe yow think that we can build forts, houses, and lay platformes for the guns, without workemen, and toules, or doe yow think that it is for your profit and my saftie or credit, to be exposed to all dangers. I have been in the East-india and heard from the natives themselves how the English lost Ambonia, which is now the best flower in the hollanders gardine, which might have been ours if wee had had the care and foresight which we aught, (but our English, are good at catch, And at hould fast they are naught,) experience may witness, the charge that yow are at yearly for mous skins and for sowing of them, together, to make tents to cover our houses, would pay the sawiers wages double, and as for sawes indeed I think yow send us the worst that can be found, it were a great deall better for yow to send us the best that can be bought for mony then to send us such leadne toules, for a worke man will doe more worke in one day with a good toule then with a bad one in three, and so judge how soon a good tule is pay'd. for: As also a couper we can not be without for the trimming of our water casks, and the butts to pack our beaver into, likeways to cutt out barrill boards and staves of all sorts of casks, to make shingles withall to cover our houses which would be better then your tylls: Now these 10 trades-men namely 5 taylers, 2 sawyers, 2 smiths, 1 couper, all of them being weel imployed, would save yow more mony in your purses, then duble their wages, and help to be a good guard to the factory's, As for the quantity of the goods that yow are to send into the countrie, the yearely accompt of ech particular will satisfie yow, it being the ballance of what is sould, and what remaines in the country So that yow may supply us according to the seale of each particular, all, which being rightly observed I question not but it may save yow 1500 *lib.* pr. annum,

There is one thing that I am to advertise your honors of and that is how to advance trade, (The premesies observed,) our forts must be made defensabl[e] our houses strong, warme, and tight, and all oure wares good, and in good order so that thereby we shall invite the Indians doune, (the ould saying is true, good Wyne needs no bush) for all that wee can doe to creat a trade is to treat them well and receive them courteously if their case require it, and to be at all tymes in a postour of defence, if they should showe us any affront, for it would increas their insolence much, if we should take affronts at their hands, lyk as we must be sure to give non, Haveing put all things in good order at the factories, the next thing in course is that we send some of our men up into the country well armed, with armes defensible, and that we send alongst with them some presents to treat the Indians withall in the most freindly maner we can, that thereby we may drawe doun a trade, and learne the way that the fransh-men use amongst them, in the rivers, that goe doun to Kennedy, and if it be possible to be doon to stop their passag by setting a forte or factory one the said rivers, and as it may be thought fit by your order, to take them and mak pryse of their goods, and send them home prisoners to England, as they doe by oure new England-men that they take within their patant, But our patant is verry darke in that it is not bounded with any line of latitude or longitude, neither doeth it express all rivers, Creeks, and laikes falling into the foresaid, but only all island laikes, and creeks, within the foresaid bay, which may be understood rivers creeks, and laikes, so weell on the islands, as on the maine continant, there it is I say our patant is darke in tearms.

There is another thing that I am to advertise your Honors of is, that I am informed, there is a nation of Indians called the poyets who have had no trade with any cristian nation as yet, one whome (most parte of those Indians who trade with us) doeth make warr, and steall their beaver It would be greatly to the advance of our trade if we could gaine a correspondance with them, but the means to bring it to pass will be chargeable, and troublesome: but I conceave that it may be brought about thus We must see to contract with those Indians that goe to warr on them, not to kill them, but to take them alive and sell them to us, and by that means wee will treat them kyndly and send them home to their country againe, with some young men of our factorie, and some trusty Indians with them, or by some other means whatsoever, For they would faine have a trade with us but are affrayed to break through our neighbouring Indians for want of armes, we have had trade with their nixt nighbours the sinnypoyets lately which if this comes to pass, as I am in great hopes it will, by one means or another; yow will have a great trade, our Indians are affrayed that they will breake doune to trade with us, for by their good-will, they would be the only brokers between all strange Indians and us, and by all means keep both them and us in ignorance, the one of the others deallings, which must be looked into in due tyme, (but it is improbable that there can be any thing brought to perfection so longe as we are taken away from the factories, to the ship at Charletone Island, to the neglect of all things else and no great profit to your Honors intrest, as I have shoune yow before in my letter) I desire yow to take notice to the former parte of my letter wherein I acquainted your Honors that I sent Mr. Phips to the factories upon the 5th of November, And the first neus that I heard from him was on the 22th day of March, They had made ane attempt to come to us from Ruports East river about the midle of february but could not get passage the sea being yet opne, but one the tyme aforesaid namely upon the 22th of march, I receved letters from the factories, The first thing to be noted is the dangerous passage which they had in going haveing been 2 dayes and one night upon the water, and much incumbered with ice before they could get any landing upon the maine, and after they had secured their boat it was 8 dayes before they could reach the factorie at Mouse-river, it was indeed a great undertakeing to travle 100 miles without snowshoes, and cary their provisions upon their backs, and to lodge in the snowe all night without tents your Honors are greatly behouldne to Mr. Phips, for his willingness to undertake the journy and for his good conduct and weell performing the same, with the safety of all his men, which was a great mercy of God; for if he head not gone in good tyme the country had been in great confusion, as may appeare by the great dissorder which some of them at the factorie had fallne into, as I shall informe yow in its place, another great mercy we may observe is this that if we had put to sea, when we did attempt, but could not, we must have perished, without more then ordinarie providence, (for the rivers were all frosen up, and the sea full of ice, the winter comeing one stronger and stronger,) which if we had, the country had receved a great overthrowe For seeing that the ship came so late into the countrie, and I and the men under me haveing doon all what men could doe, it was Gods mercy both to us and to your concernes, that we went not from Charleton Island, for if we had all youre goods and provisiones had been utterly spoyll'd, the reasone whereof I tould yow before, how that I had built a house upon Charletone Island and covered it with tylls without morter, which will keep out the raine but not the drift snowe, notwithstanding that we made a tent so clloss as we could, yet the snowe did drive in in such abundance, that in the spring before we could have come to Charletone, the snowe would have melted, and the whole cargoe had been spoyll'd; but by our being heere we have prevented it, by throwing out the snowe, and in saveing some boards in the winter, for covering the roome, so that all is safe (thanks be to God).

There is one thing more that comes in my minde, and that is, yow have about 20 men in the country who have some 18 some 15 some 12 pounds pr. annum which if they were removed their wages would serve double their number but I can not send them home for want of men in their places, so that I must humor them lyke childrine, which makes them still the more insolent, wherefor I pray you to remove them, for if yow expect to have good orders keept in your countrie yow must of necessity make a chainge, except of some select men, for it shall be allwayes my care to incourrage those that are willing and able to doe yowr Honors service, let them be in whatsowever capacity I have writ something of this before, another thing is that there will be allways troublesome or unprofitable persons in the world, and it falls out that yow must mentaine your share of them, There is one great cause of the mens discontent, that is when they see other men have 20, or 30 *lib.* pr. ann., who can doe no more for it then one of 6 pound pr. annum, oure men are lyke the Laborers in the gospell, that gruges the one to have more then the other indeed I can not blame them much considdering how confusedly they have been served, neither doe I see how it can be mended unless youre Honors will take my advice.

I ame to acquaint yow that your pouder casks are subject to shrink in the joynts by reason of the frost, and so the pouder is spillt, which is dangerous both in houses and vessels, for to take fire, wherefore my advice is that yow would cause pack them in sheep skins, sewed lyke a bag opne at both ends, that the barrle may goe in it, and then ty at both ends that a man may Take hould theirof to cary it by, it will be a great security to the casks, and preserve the pouder against fyre, as for the shot it aught to be in bags, for the barrles being so wake, yow loos more shot then the bags will coast, as allso the caskes wherin yow stowe your knives, they are so weakly made and hoop'd that before we can remove them once or twice they fall in peeces, and we can not mend them againe they being so slender, judge then what accompt we can give of them, when they must be caried in baskets too and froe lykways I mus advise yow that the malt which yow send, is too litle for the supply of the country, for the men keep a grumbeling and tells me that yow promised them a quart a day, but I can find but litle above halfe a pinte a day of it, and much of it damnified besides, and they say that it was damnified in the lighter before it came on-board, this is a bad country to drink water in, wherefore I would desire yow to compt your men, and let them have a pinte a day a man, and send us some mullasses in the roome of the malt which yow come short, and yow aught to send us a litle more liquors for indeed the couldness of the country requereth it, which would cause your business to goe one chearfully that the men might have a dram now and then, when occasion serveth, for if it be well applyed it is a soveraigne remedy to all their melancholik distempers; Lykways yow send us too litle butter, and chease into the country for when that small persall which yow doe send, is divided in 5 parcles, that is to the factories, and to the vessells, there is but a verry litle left to your governor to keep his table with all, lykways you aught to consider that when we transport goods from porte, to porte, in the small vessells, they can not boyll the kittle some tymes by reason of stormes, and some tym for the pouder which they have on-board of them, least it should take fire and blow them up, so that they must eat dry bread and water, which is but could faire, besides if we have occasion to coast it in boats or to send men out from the factories upon neadfull occasions they can not cary any other provisions but bread and chease, as for my parte I have not spent 3 cheeses this two yeares, but all hath gone to the uses aforesaid, and not enough to satisfie, wherefor I pray yow to send more butter and cheases, for the usefullness theirof, it will save more beef, and porke, then the price of it is worth.

And now my Lords I am constrained to treate of a subject that is verry unpleasing to me, but since my promise in the beginning of my letter, was to informe yowr Honors of all things needfull for yow to knowe, I could not in conciance and deuty ommit this, the subject whereof is Captain Walker, where yow may see as in a map for the most parte, how your Commanders behave themselves to your Governors, and what will ensue thereon, but before I begin to give yow ane accompt of our concurrance this yeare at Charletone island, I shall informe your Honors of some passages that fell out in the *John and Alexander*, (and that but few of a great many) The first that I observed was that one night the wind blowing hard at N.Wt. or neare it, Captain Walker in company of his doctor fell to drinkeing at a great height, and by his command he did unreasonably over-prss the ship with carying too much saile, which if he had been sober he nor no man in his senses would have doon it but to persuade him to the contrary it was in vaine, Mr. Cobie and I were much troubled to see it, but by no persuasions could we help it, the nixt morning I gave the doctor a modest reproof, for his makeing of his Captain in such a drukne postoure, but all that I receaved was ane affront for my pains; and that which ensued upon it was that the yaught *Colleton* by crouding after us, and pressing much saile to keep us company did spring a leak, in so much that we were fully concluded (if God would send us faire weather) to take out her goods, and mast, and towe her a stern of us, and by that means to find hir leakes her hould being empty but the leakes (as it pleased God) wer found without that trouble, Another mad prank which came in his brain when he was so drunke that he had neither sence nor reson but was caried to his bed, where he lay calling to his mate Cobie to teck ship the wind bloweing verry hard and the maine-top-saile abroad, the mate was necessitat to obay him, whereas there was no need for it, if he had been in his right wits, but so it was and so it must be, for it was in a maner more dangerous to cross his commands, then to loos the ships masts, which if lost our voage had been over-throun and the countrie lost, for indeed all of us feared that in the staying of the ship the wind bloweing so hard, when the topsaile was takene on-back, the sudden jerk theireof would bring it by the board, and by no means could he be persuaded to let hand it, but (as it pleased God) the ship stayed, and all things were well and now you shall see the more fullness of madness, for no sooner was the ship teckt, and pay'd, and the sailes trimm'd, but he calls out about ship, and call's for his maite Cobbie, and commanded him to teck the ship againe,

But I hearing him command his mate to teck the ship againe, came out upon deck, and tould Mr. Cobbie that it was better to let the Ship stand her course, for if she have not spent her mast this tyme she may chance to doe it the nixt, telling him that the Captain would quickly fall a sleep, and he took my counssell, and it hapned that the Captain fell a sleep, and I went to my bed thinkeing my selfe so safe as if the halfe of the storme was over, that being lay'd which was in his head.

The nixt which comes in my minde is, that on the
being Sunday in the fore-noon, the weather faire and the sea smooth, Mr. Tatnham, was invited to dinner, and he came on-board, and brought 2 runlets with him for some liquors, but Captain Walker would let him have non, notwithstanding he was ordered by your Honors to let him have some, the yaught staying behind to fill water into her casks, to stifne her; And after dinner they fell to drinkeing but I lookeing out of the Cabine window did perceave the winde come about against the sone, and was lykely to blow, I tould Mr. Tatnham that it was high tyme for him to goe on-board before the storme was

made, whereupon Mr. Tatneham arose in hast to be gone and went out upon deck to goe into his boat, but Captain Walker immediatly called out upon deck, and stopped him per force, uttering these woords or to this effect, the governor hath bidne him goe and he runns, he shall not goe untill he hath drunke another can of flip, and so brought him into the cabine againe, and plyed him so hard with drinke that it was a shame to see it, in the mean tyme he crouded so much saile upon the ship as she could cary, untill at lenth the main-top-saile yeard broke which caused them to hand their sailes, by which means the yaught came up with us, but it blew so hard, and there went such a great sea, and Tatnam so drunk, that they could by no means get on-board without aparant danger of being lost, so that we called to the yaught to keep by us all night, but by reason of the fog and storme we were seperat, And as I conceave the men haveing lost their maister, their boat, and 2 of their hands, and being destitute of licquors, and fruit, for your Honors knoweth that yow gave them non, but ordered that Capt. Walker should give it them, which he did not doe, nor would not, inso much that I was necessitat to spare them some out of the country's store, indeed it was a fault to send 2 vessells to sea and not to furnish them both, but that the one must be beholdne to the tother which may be sayed to be the cause of the yaughts not proceiding her voage namely Capt. walkers pryd in stopping of him, and for no other resone Apparant but because I advised him to departe in good tyme, which he would have doon if that he had not been stopped pr. force, and in short tyme after that storme was over, we had a change of faire wind, and weather, which (by Gods help) brought us safe into the Nortwest: the retourne of the yaught was above 500 *lib.* loss to your Honors, and a great discomfort to me, the cause thereof I have shoune yow before.

Another tyme in the streights-mouth the weather being faire I was a walking upon the quarter-deck, there being no body by me, nor a lookeing out to cund the ship, the man at the healme brought the ship shakeing in the wind, and I called out to him (in modest woords, to this effect) country-man no neare your sailes are in the wind, a thing that is customary without offence for any man to say that understands himselfe, but Captain Walker overheareing of me, came out upon the deck, and rebucked me publickly, and shamefully before his ships company telling me that my commission did not take place untill I cam to poynt comfort, for the which reproof I smyllingly tooke off my hat and craved him pardone, and went off the quarter-deck to the Cabine, as if I tooke no notice of that affront amongst many others, throune upon me by him during the tearme of the voage, for I considdered that it was not my bussiness to trouble my selfe with knaves and fooles, but to mynde the work I was sent about, Considder then what will be the effects of this, for them to throwe contempt upon government, nothing else but that they may the better bring their purposes to pass with more ease and exault themselves, as shall appeare in the nixt observation (viz.)

That when we arrived at poynt Comfort (as aforesaid) when Captain Powers, and doctor Rainer, came one board, alongst with Mr. Bayly, and affronted him as aforesd. which I could not helpe, being but newly come into the country and my commission not read, notwithstanding I went to Capt. Walker and desired that he should remove them out of his cabine, telling him that Mr. Bayly and I were to have some priva[te] discourse concerning the effeirs of the Country, which he refused to doe, but in so doeing he wrought his oune ends, as yow shall heare, for I makeing it my chief business to keep company with Mr. Baily to informe my selfe of the effaires of the country leaving Mr. Phips to take up the goods, which was his propper deuty In the first place we wanted one hogshead of brandy out of three, which stood in the lazereto his oune servant being steward, The nixt is, we wanted one barrill of fruit out of three, and the manner how it came to be stolen yow shall heare.

Mr. Phips haveing earnest business on-shore, did leave Benjamin Gass to take ane accompt of the goods, alongst with the botswan, the said Gass leaveing his note in his cabine, no sooner was his back turned then the note was stole, so that when he retourned and found not his note he was forsed to take the botswans note, and by that meanes they stole a barrill of raisines, which as I am informed since was put into their lazareto and converted to their use,

The nixt passage was that Mr. Baily presented me with 200 gees which was a parte of the provisions, killed by the Indians for the carying home of the *Ruport*, of which gees I did present 100 to Captain Walker, the other hundered, I disigned for the *Ruport*, but Capt. Walker scorned to take the halfe, unless I would give him the whole, and for the mous, and fat, which was appoynted for the *Ruport*, the most parte of it was convayed to him, moreover when Mr. Baily, and the other passingers came on-board of him, he denied their passage unless that I would victuall them, so that I was necessitat to let remaine in the ship two puntions of meat, and three of bread, besides our coales were not all delivered, so that I was greately dissappoynted for the want of these things which he caried back with him, these things I knew not off untill the ship was departed from hence, but the nixt yeare I heard what a quantity of coalls, bread, and meate, he carried home with him into the river, which would have doon us a greate kindness in the country for if there had but wanted one peck of the coalls which we had, the *Ruports* ruther irons could not have been perfected, by this yow may see how men seek your interest to take the opportunity of tymes, to afford themselves well, though it damnify the whole.

I can not ommit to give your Honors ane accompt of his abbusive cariage towards Mr. Baily home-wards bound, as it was tould me by Mr. Cobbie, That he in his drunkne fitts would abuse him after a gross maner, which caused Mr. Baily severall tymes to weep, and repent himselfe that he left the country My lords I think my selfe greatly concerned, least when it shall please yow to call me home, let it be upon what accompt so-ever, it may not happne so to me for yowr honors sake, for if a governor hath any thing to answer for, it is to your honors, and not to the commanders of your ships, to abuse them: Now my Lords I humbly crave your pardone that I did not wryt to yow of this in the *John and Alexander*, but the multiplicity of bussiness, and the shortness of time was the occasione of it: And now my Lords I come to give yow ane impartiall accompt of the most materiall passages in our cariages one towards the other since our being upon Charleton island, The first is concerning the loss of his rudder, I have had intelligence underhand that he with the helpe of some others, doe intend to throwe the fault upon me, the better to excuse their owne ignorance, I have showne your Honors, how that I sent Thomas Garland in the sloup to see if he could see any ship, in the offing and if he found any (not commanding him to goe out of his oune sloup, to take a pilots place upon him) that he should give his assistance to conduct her into the sound, by sounding out the channell afore her in the Sloup, but so it was that Thomas Garland went on-board, and Captain Walker tooke him for his pilot, for which if he can showe any thing from my hand ordering that Thomas Garland should pilot him into the sound, otherways then as I have mentioned afore, let him showe it, There was his mate Abraham who sailed in the barke in Mr. Bailys time, and had been severall tymes in the sound in Mr. Bailys time, As also Stephan Clenton who had been in the Sound in the *rupert*, So that certainly these three might have knowen better, but to mend the matter Captain Walker out of a bravado would needs come in with all his sailes standing, allbeit it was one the back of a tyd of ebb, which sucked the Ship so fast in towards the shore that She could not evite comeing upon the should where she lost her rudder, it was a thing verry decerneable by us a shore, for I concluded a little before she struk (and tould those that stood by me of it) that unless she sprung her loof by tymes she must undoubtedly be forsed upon the should, notwithstanding they will still endevour to throwe the blame upon me, especially Walker, Abraham, and Garland, that is to say if their words might be takne, for in their oune oppinions they reackone themselves the men of most knowledge in the Northwest, but indeed I find it not so, for pairtely their want of good experience shoune, and their want of will or skill, they showe not themselves capable of the places put upon them, so that Evell coustomes begetting bouldness, and bouldness contempt of authority, will at last prove the ruine and overthrowe of your affairs in the country if there be not a speedy reformation, I went on-board as aforesaid and brought the ship in, and observed to performe all things according to charter party, afterward I did to the outmost of my power assit him and his with all the fresh meate that I could get notwithstanding it was so hard tymes with our oune men,

Then we went to unliver, but I found not that readiness in him to help me to those things which I sootd in need of first, for the supply of the factories, as I was to assist him and his seek men to restore them to their healths, for notwithstanding I towld him the tyme of the yeare was farr spent, and that unless he would rummage for those things which we stood in greatest need of, it would put us to a great deale of needless trouble, neither would he let me have any of the planks on shore to lay the flore of our loft (that we might put the goods out of the way which were not to be sent at that time) notwithstanding I see them ly at hand, but I must of necessity take such goods as he pleased to send on-Shore first, so that we were put to a dubble trouble of stowing and unstowing that the goods which he heaped so fast on-shore on us, must either have lyne out in the raine or otherwayes we must take such as he sent us, I conceve his only reason in it was, that he would keep our men to stowe the goods, to save his oune men the labour, now I pray your honors to judge whither such men seek your profit or not:

At that tyme I being on-board chansed to be speaking of the barrill of fruict which we wanted in the *John & Alexander*, but after he had uttered a great deale of impertinat langwage to me, he fell out upon Captain Cobbie swearing that he would goe a Shore and cutt his throat, but I waved the discourse, and I judge the reasone why he sayed that he would cut Cobbies throat was, he imagined that he had informed me of the fruict and how it was disposed of, but I heard it of another.

The nixt thing that I tooke care for was their safety in winter, to provyd them a house, and to see out a safe place for the ship to ly in, which I did to the best of my judgement, the Captain desiering me earnestly to doe it, for saith he I have no judgment in these things, and yow can better order how the men may goe to worke, all which I undertook willing for the safeguard of him and his company, lykewayes I put my carpinter to worke about theire house and I sent for clay to chechecheawan, that the bricklayer might build a stove and I incourraged his men with my bottle, so that Captain Walker had a good and roomly warme hous, without any trouble to himselfe in the least, I lykewayes lent him 23 beaver coats, to keep his men warme, and I gave them some ould muse-skin tents to make them Shoes of, and our men did Spare them all the necessaries that they had, in fine we could doe no more if they had been our bretheren, to disfurnish our selves, and furnish them, for we hoped to goe to the factories where we might be recruted.

But so it was that the tyme being spent and the winter come on, I was forsed to take up my winter quarters in that house, which a litle before I had taken such care and paines about for him and his, however I was glad to be ane inmate but would have been content that I had not had to doe with such a troublesome Landlord, for God knoweth my hart I would have willingly lived at peace, since it was my lote to stay their but could not, for the dayely abbuses throune upon me and mine: as shall appeare.

The first discontent which appeared opnely was, that I seeng there would be want of roome in the house for his provisiones, I set my men to worke to digg a seller, and desiered so many of his men as would to worke with them it being for their oun use, some of them wrought and some not, and those who did worke I incouraged them with a drame of the bottle as occasion served, so that In short tyme we had finished the seller but no sooner we had made ane end then there arose some woords betwixt Captain Walker and I, which gave me occasione to think my labour lost and that I Should have but litle benefit of it with content, and he haveing provoked my passion so much, I called him fool, as indeed he showed himselfe at that time, but indeed he scorning to be beholdne to me did pay me back in my owne coyne with speed, I would from my harte he were as ready to pay his respects to me and all men, and I Should forgive him that small fault: upon this I withdrew from his company to my chamber, knoweing it to be impossible for me to beare with his divilish humor, so that for a considerable time we Spoke not together, neither would he give me the tyme of the day, which if he had, I Should have been so reddy to doe it to him as he to me, notwithstanding after some tyme I thought it was not good to be longe at distance, although I was the persone offended, considdering that Strangeness between him and me could not hould longe to our comfort, and that it was dangerous for a house to be divided, I called him into my roome and reasoned the case a litle, but perceving that he thought himselfe the better man, I would sturr no farther in that mater but drunke to him in a cup of seck, judging with my selfe that these differences would die, so that we continued for a tyme quiet, but not in great inward friendship. The reasone of it was, (as Judge) that when he came into my roo[m] I did not treate him to excess, but thought that 2 or 3 cupes, and a pype or two of tobaco, at one tyme was enough, for if ever I spend more by temptation, or company provokeing me, it is my grief, not my custome, nor indeed could I doe it at that time, for I had sent all oure Share for Mouse river, away in the yaugh[t] both of brandy, sugar, cheese, and butter.

But seing that it was my chanse to stay upon Charletone island, I hoped that he would spare me some sugar, a firkin of butter and A cheese which I would have payed him againe in the Spring but he denied to lett me have any, and it fell verry well out that he did not, for as I am informed the men at the factorie hath devoured all, and left me none; so that I should not have been in a capacity to have payed him before he had gone away and I should have wronged him more then ever I did in my life, but I bought a pott of butter from one of his men, and with good husbandry keept as good a table as himselfe, a little after he came into my roome, and importuned me for some seck, I tould him that it was halfe out, and that it would not runn, and I was not intended to broache it lower till Cristmess, and that it were more conveniant for him to goe to his cabine for he had takene in more then enough allreddy but he was so urgent upon me that I thought he would have takne it prforce I tould him that if he would have a burnt dram he might, so that I might be ridd of his trouble, but indeed the more he had the worse he was, abusing Richard Covell most basely calling him rediculous names, and turned him out of my roome, to my great offence, within a few dayes after he was mad to be drunk againe but had no liquors of his oune to be drunk withall, so that he went in to the roome where Mr. Covell and Mr. Cobbie lay and ther he rummaged Cobbies case where he found a pinte bottle of rumm, and drunke to himselfe a litle after to make him compleat, he pressed upon Capt. Covell to give him some more, which he was forsed to doe sore against his will, but at last he brought him too and made a day of it at Covells coast, and at night all the thanks that he gave him, was he pickt a quarrelle with him, and after abusive words, he bate him so that the blood followed it in abundance, he had served him once so before, and indeed all the offence that I could learne Covell gave him, was because he would not lett him have too much command over his liquors And I am cleer of that minde that he deserveth to be stobbed who puts a knife into a mad-mans hand, at that tyme Capt. Cobbie being by and seing of Mr. Covell all bloody, he tould Walker these woords, or to this effect, that he might be ashamed to abuse ane ould man after that manner, whereupon Walker tooke him up and challanced him to Combat, (now comes the tyme that Cobbies throat must be cutt) the nixt morning: that night Captain Cobbie came to me to ask leave, but I threatned to set him by the heels if he spoke to me of any such thing for indeed I thought Walker would have more need to Sleep then to fight the nixt morning. But so it was that Walker called Cobbie out of his bed, and to it they went upon the ice, but it had been better that they had played at longe spoone and Custord, for it would have made a horse beshit his halter to have seen them, yea and to have split his jawes with lafter, for no sooner were they at it, but the earle of freisland sent a party to cooll their courrage so that all the strenth of Bachus could not resist him, but parted the quarrill, without blud drawne or blowe struke; only Cobbie dissarmed him of his swoord, which he would have broke, but the plyant blade would raither bend then breake, And glad I was to heare of so cheap a victory gained by one of my Captaines, for whilest it was a acting I was a sleep and knew nothing of the mater untill it was over, a litle after Capt. Walker came in to my roome and called for seck, indeed I tould him he should have non, and I woondered he was not ashamed to look me in the face, as for my parte I was ashamed of him, but he bid me kiss his arse and most inhumanely abused me after a gross maner: I tould him that if he were not drunke, I would give him a cuff on the eare and so avoyded him my roome, shunning his company for the future, which was all the punishment that I could doe to him for his shameless practices,

The nixt of his drunkne pranks was that one day he declared himselfe governour of Charletone island to the heareing of most of his men, and moreover that he could showe it a signo, indeed I am apt to thinke that he wanted not will but power, to usurp the place and consequently of the whole country, as further appeares, The nixt thing in order to strenthne himselfe, he did send a letter to Mr. Phips, by Thomas Garland privatly, wherein he did insert as much, as that I was the sole occasione of the dissagreement betwixt us, but all this while I caryed my selfe so inoffensible towards him as possible I could, unless he wass offended that I tooke not off my hat to him and seek his favour there were some of his men who folloued his example, by dayly seeking to pik quarrills with my men, and to wring them if occasion served, I easely underred what the event of this would come to, fearing that faction would woorke rebellion, and they the strongest party, caryed my selfe so towards him and his that they had not the least occasione given them of being offended by me nor mine, if they were any men of reasone or honesty There was two of his officer that I had civill society with-all, namely Mr. Covell, and his doctor, whome I take to be ane industrious and sober young man, one who hath good breading and expriance in his arte, and who hath seen the worlde, to them I did showe kyndness so far as my ability would reach to the doctor not only for his partes but for his calling, for he did help me, and all yours, by admeanistring to us phisik and plaisters as occasion served To whome your Honors are indebted, as for my good complyance with Captain Covell, it proceeded first from charity, nixt from good reasone, from charity thus, The man came out of England well provided with all things necessary, far better provided then his Captain as I can learne, who whither he spunged him out of it or no, your Honours may inquire of him selfe, for he tould me so: It hapned within a few dayes after that the Capt. had batne him, that he was takne seek, the case the doctor can better tell than I, in that seekness I perceved that he wanted that which he should and mought have had (if his Captane had been ane honnest man) for the releife of his seek body; only the doctor failed him not in what his chest could afforde, I was greatly affrayed the man would not recover, therefor I did the best I could to nurce him, with fresh broath and a cup of seck according to my poor ability for I did feare much that he would lay the abuses put upon him by his Capt., to heart: but through Gods mercy and the doctors industry he was recovered againe, Capt. Walker seing the correspondence that these two men keept with me, was the only cause of his beareing of them malice and envy, and how he served them they them selves can declare, the other thing which made me indevour the wellfaire of Covell was that he had been a commander in some of my maisters services, and came well fitted out of England, which argueth to me that he had no need to have come ane underline but came as a man in some speciall trust, more then bairely mate, and as I suspect that he might informe my Maisters of the effaires of this country to their satisfaction, which is all that I desire, provided the man proves honest able, and impartiall, for I take God to witness as concerning my selfe, I would that my maisters did see all my actions so far as concerns them, and my troubles also then I should not doubt but to bring the Northwest into a good order to their profit and my credit:

All this while I did not deny Capt. Walker any thing that might tend to the furdering of his ships business nor his mens well faire, which was more then I was bound to by charterparty something I did out of curtesie to himselfe which might give him to knowe that he needed not to dispaire of a reconsealiation on faire, and honnest tearmes, as for instance, after I had removed my selfe from his house to my owne in the beginning of the spring one of my men chansed to kill a swan, which I caused to be prepaired for a dinner, with some other things, as we could afforde, and I invited Captain walker, his two mates, and his doctor to dine with me, his maites, and doctor came but he would not.

Indeed I would have made no greate mater of it, if after all the mad drunkne pranks played by him, he would have humbled himselfe when he was sober, but he remained stiff in his resolution, which made me admire greatly what he meant by it, whether he sought some privat revange against me or no, and wherfore, I haveing doon him no wronge; but this or something else I doe conceve was the mater That he was affrayed that I would discover him, and that some of his privet ends were lyke to be frustrated both heere, and at home, wherefor he will think to prevent me to cry where first, to affect which Walker hath got a maister of that trade, as witness his impeaching of Mr. Baily, but I shall not need to goe so farr back, whereas I can put yow in mynde of somethings of my oune knowledge, and which your Honours may well remember, Sr. James Hayes may at least, The man that I meane by is John Abraham, The said Abraham was entertained in your honors service to come my second into the Country his sellery 50 *lib.* pr. annum, ane office both creditable, and profitable, and in tyme, with his good deserts, he had the opportunity of advancement, but so it was that he misbehaved himselfe before the commetie, in so much that they rejected him, which when he sawe, he made his redress to me that I should solicit for him, the which I did and he was excepted againe, but what was it for but to gett his 30 *lib.* advance mony and then to deseart the service, a crime in other places which is a hanging mater, and to tell yow the trouth the reasone why he did deseart your service at that tyme, was because he durst not look Mr. Baily in the face, by reasone of the false information which he gave against him but now Bayly being dead he appears, againe upon the staige to play another parte of Machevell, your honours may conceave by this where my shoe wrings me, the greatest feare that I have is of knights of the poste, if Gods allrueling providence did not uphould me with the answer of a good consience, which will beare me up when all freinds faile me, for freinds I expect non no further then the justness of my cause requiereth, God grant me that and I shall be thankefull to him, These things I wryt that your honours may take notice that I am sensible I am to steer between two rocks, and am in danger of falling on the one, or on the other I strive to keep good orders, and behave my selfe in my place as I am bound, by oath, and as my duty requires to promote your bussiness, and restraine licentiousness to my power, then it is that I fall on that rack Slander, and envy, and if I buy their good worde at your coast, or neglect my deuty to satisfy their lisentiousness, then I am lyke to fall aworse, the breach of faith, the breach of my bounds, the loss of my reputation, and all for their good worde which I will never buy at so deare a rate, yea and it may be not have it neither, and if I could get it on base tearmes, it is not worth three skips of a louse, This John Abraham as I conceve is or will be his avoucher, for it is such a one as he wants to help out the badness of his cause, notwithstanding before he stood in need of him he could slight him,

One thing more I conceave was the cause of his discontent, that I did not treate more plentifully, indeed I did treate him to the best of my ability when I had it but more especially before he abused me and others, and him selfe too, I prayed him to lend me some few things as aforesaid, but he would not, indeed I wondered what was become of all his liquors, for they were all gon, so that either he provided himselfe of litle, or his ouner layed in none, or your honours gave him none, for his men as I can heare had not one bottle of him all the voage, but the contrairy some that had it he spunged upon them so longe as it lasted, but this is lyke to what I sawe in the *John and Alexander*, to fall a drinkeing with his inferiours casse after casse and when they were empty throw them overboard, one might see by the countenances of the poore men when their liquors were spent, before halfe of the voyage was performed, and when they had most need of their drink they had none, thus I beleve was the state of the casse of this voage, the trouth of which yow may knowe of his ships company, to the which if they say otherwayes, they are dubble tongued;

Now my Lords I pray yow to take my condition into your consideration and see if it be not a horrible trouble to me to be balked in this nature as I am, my commission is to governe efter the lawes of England, but which of them, military or sivill, and if I were capable of both I have not power to put them in practice, all that I can doe at present is only to send them home, and wryt their fact, so that they have the opportunity of cleering themeselves and accusing of me, for it hath been the speach of some all reddy that if they had a minde to goe home, they had no more to doe but to make a mutiny and so they should be sent home, such things is in custome heare for which they would be severely punished in other places, therefore if their be not some lawes put in practice heare, there will unavoydably some notable dissaster befall the country, and I am sure no government at present can stand with the constitution of this country, but military and no law but martiall at present,

But if your honors, see that martiall lawe is either too severe or that it can not be granted, I doe not desire it in the large latitude thereof, so far as to extend to lyfe and death, for that is a thing which If I could avoyd I would not pass sentance of death on any man, but the crime being such, as that by a counsell we may prove the fact against a criminall, according to the booke of articles in that casse provyded, and accordingly chastise him with corporall punishment for ane example to others, or else to send him home in irons to receave his punishment in England, as the case may require, these things may bring the country into good order in tyme, and put a great stop to lisentiousness, for without some thing of this nature the country will still lye in danger:

At this tyme being the 22 day of May, and the somer not yet come nor my troubles yet ended, the ice dryving up and doune the sound, and the vessell fast on-ground, wee remaine heere at Charletone island, waiting for the tyme that I may goe to visit my charge on the maine land, from which I have been absent this 11 moneths, and I feare that when I goe I shall meet with some trouble to satisfie evry mans demand, and more to take notice of some mens dissorders, It would be a hard casse if those discontented persones in the factories, should joyn with Captain Walker, and his discontented party, of his men, and would put me ine to great trouble, to keep them in order; especially our mens because they can not goe home, and his in imitating of their Captain God knowes for no offence that I have given them, except only this that I can not, nor have not power to curbe their insolence, but this is my comfort, that the justice of my cause, will find protection from God and help from good men, the experiance thereof I have found for even some of his oune men ar grieved and ashemed at his behavor, towards me and all my men that ar with me, cleeves unto me as chikne under my wings, but what faction he hath got on the maine, tyme will show, I doubt Garland much, therefor I love peace on honourable, and honest tearmes, as for his dispysing of me as he doeth, treuly I know no other reason, but that my throat is not wyd enough to swallow doune all his affronts,

Now my Lords I pray yow to considder in all things whither

I or any man in my place, can with courage and content undergoe such a weighty charge, that I must be obstructed by them, that are put in speciall trust to support, & help me, one Faeton can make more fire in the world in on day, then ould Thebus can easely quensh, many such faetons I have had, and yet have in the country and yow may be sure all their drift is to out me, and indeed it is their best policy, for I and knaves can never agree,

I heare that my antagonist should say in his cups, that if he had knoune so much aforehand, he would have given ten pounds out of his oune pocket that he had brought over another governor, and indeed he was a great fool that he did it not if he could, for he might have got a hundered pounds by it, that is if it had fallne out so happily for him as it did last voage, but such hits are lyke to faile him and all others, for I must be content with my wages, and if I have that, and my credit, I shall be thankefull to God, and your Honours for it, and if I can help it no man shall have any more privilege then my self and to take my leave of Walker for a while, this I conclud with my selfe, that I am not my selfe, but first Gods, and then yowrs, and I am confidant at last that your honours will finde, that those who goe about to put jealousies into your heads, it is for no other end but to cover their oune knaveries, or to bring their purposes to pass, or at leest to be revanged, for they hate to be looked into, I say those that are enemies to me, yow will find them to be yours first, and I pray God grant that it be not too late befor yow have found them out:

The nixt thing is, to showe your Honours what trouble, loss, and confusione it is, to serve the countrie with hyred ships, of such deep draft of water: as the *Dilligence*, the resons afore might satisfie, but I will give yow one or two more, first they think that they are not bound to doe more then their charter party binds them, I grant they are not, but they think that a Governour is bound to supply all their wants, although it be impossible for him yea whither he were bound to it or not, as I can instance, secondly if he or his proves factious or dissorderly, so that a Governour apprehends mutiny and rebellion, he can not help himselfe they being the greatest number and all united together under one, except it be some discreet persones who discerne the equity of the casse, as for the rest they think that they are bound to follow their Captans precident right, or wronge, so that to them a governour is no governour, they haveing him in a remote place from his factorie, and strenth:

This is the effects of hyered ships of such burden, that I apprehend more danger and trouble in them, then in all the casualities of the country besides as appears this 27 day of may the ship lys on ground without her rudder and doubtless must have some hurt by the grinding of the ice which dayly dryves through the sound, at least some of her sheathing is broke off under-water, and this they expect that I should help to mend,

Notwithstanding I am not bound by charterparty to any such thing if I could; for I am put to it to supply him with rudder irons, (that is if the smith can make them,) and with tarr, and boards and many other things which he cam unprovided of, so that in the mean tyme I must neglect my oune business, which puts me to a great straite to avoyd the falling into these difficulties that I feare will ensue thereon, and If I doe all things well he will rob me of the credit of it, and if badly I am sure to have all the disgrace heaped upon my back, for this advantage all my adversaries have above me, that they come first home, who by fraud and flatterie, can have their tale first tould, and they can be heard by yow though it proves to your loss as yow will find it in the end, for they have their desier, and if falls out otherways, they ar gon and yow heare no more of them, it is a verry hard mater for any to governe in so remote a place, who hath not ability to execut his ofice to purpos: were it not more profitable for your Honors to have a ship that can goe to the chief factorie as I mentioned afore, where their men would be a guard to it, and they would be under some command, with halfe the charge and double the profit, if yow Honours will adheare to my advice as it is in the former parte of my letter, And to performe all things well in this respect it is absolutly best for yow to have ships built fit for your trade, which is the custome of all men except your selves, besyds the navigation into this place is diverce from others, so that it must be observed and the harbours observed, and the country and natives observed:

now if this ship had been your oune, and had drawen but 9 foot water, it would have been more comfortable for me, more safe for the ship, mor safe for the country, and more profitable for your Honours, yea above 1000 *lib.* pr. annum evry thing considered; for then if the ship was your oune, I could be more bould to dispose of her, as fit occasion should serve, and keep both men & maister in good order, or according as they behaved themselves, turn them out of their place, and put better in their roome, if I had them: and not be at the great trouble which I am at this present at; for I assure yow that although I should be verry cautious before I did it, yet I should have turned Captain Walker out of his place, and put Mr. Cobbie in his roome, And whither I have not great cause to be perplext (let any man of honesty and discreation judge:) to be detained from my cheefest place of charge where my presence cheefly is requiered, and expected by so many forraine Indians:

For Heere I am forsed to stay with 13 belonging to your honours, and 22 belonging to the ship, and all at your charges, who are out of place to doe yow any service, or credit in the sight of those Indians who are come so farr off at this presant time, and expecteth presents from me, and I am heere at Charleton Island, besides who knowes but that through discontent and our men at mutiny, the Indians finding the forts weakly manned, they may attempt strange things, which may be hurt full to us, and a detriment to the trade, be-syds the want of our company to build the forts, and guard them, and to keep good orders in them, but on the contrarie we must be forsed to leave all, to tend a great ship, which if she wer less aught to tend us, for now the *Dilligence* lyeth by the shore without rudder irons, and a great parte of her sheething bruised, and broke off, and whither our smith cam make them or not, time will showe, or how she shall be trimmed I know not, nor when she will gett off God knowes: but though I would with all my hearte and soule doe my best for her, both for the owener's sake, and the ships companys sakes, yet it is lykely to prove to my dissgrace, whither I doe or not, for it might be feared that if she were in a good saileing postour, and all the, men of the minde as some of them are of, they might put me to some trouble, and if their ship should prove faulty, to be sure the blame will be layed to my doore, these things trouble me not a litle, and put me so to my shifts, that I am forsed to drive one pin out with another, and when that is out the last sticks so fast as the first, so that for want of strenth, and a good precident left me in government, my hand at presant is stopped of going through with that full reformatione which is absolutly needfull and is my great desire, for indeed I desire not to stay longer in the countrie then to settle things in a good order and method, and to leave a better precident to him that shall come after me, then I found my selfe but this will not be untill yow purge your country of most of the ould men, (and there is great need of it) for they ar most seek of the ould disease, of licentiousness, and will corrupt others with the same distemper, yea besides that most of them have greate wages and it is not for your Honours intrest to keep them, likewayes I would not counsell your Honors to send any into the country again who comes out of it without a certificat of their good behavore For I would have a select number of men in the country well dissiplined and in good order, so that at all times I may be in a capacity to brydle all mutanous, licentious, and factious spirits; to effect which if England can not furnish yow with men, Scotland can, for that countrie is a hard country to live in, and poore-mens wages is cheap, they are hardy people both to endure hunger, and could, and are subject to obediance, and I am sure that they will serve for 6 pound pr. yeare, and be better content, with their dyet then Englishmen will be, so that yow may better afford to allow some better sellery to petty oficers, to traine the men, and see them doe their deutie as I have sayd in the former parte of my letter, (viz.) two sargants, at 18 *lib.* pr. annum, to each; and their diet; three corpralls at 12 *lib.* a piece and their diet, and these men to be dispersed amongst the factories, for the uses aforesaid, so that there may be a guard to mentain both the Governor, and the factories, in good defence and all things keept in good order:

But your Honours will say that I talke of charge, and I reply that it is needfull charge in order to bring in profit, but it is my grief to se yow put your selves to greater charge for less profit; as for example yow sent into the country one William Fraizer, and Charles Elmer, the on 30 *lib.* the other 20 *lib.* pr. annum, and these men could doe no more then two young men, whome yow may have out of Scotland for 6 pounds a yeare, a piece besides most of your land-men have some 12 *lib.* some 15 *lib.* and some 18 *lib.* pr. annum which men are all mad to goe home except nine of them the least of whome have 12 *lib.* pounds a yeare, considder now whither my advice or your custome is most chargeable; as for your ships I have treated of them elsewhere: But I thinke it not amiss to freshne up your memory of them in this place (viz.) when I beheld 5 Captains in the sound all with their cullers flying it was a lovely sight to see in the Northwest, (but it is according to ane ould saying) a great cry and litle woole when we goe to shear hogs: so that all the charges of those could come to no less then 2500 *lib.* pr. annum, and my poore quarter cask of sack knew it full well, (for the more the hogs the thinner the sweellings) but your worke with all this was not well done, but raither undoon, by the loss of the *prudent-marie*: and if I had not loadned on board of the *Ruport* about siven thousand skins those had been lost also I pray yow tye me not so closs to orders but give me some roome to exersise my judgement:

For it is not possible for your Honnours to knowe in England by guess what is most convenient for your intrest, as it is for me to knowe heere by experiance, by this yow may see in parte what is the cause that your concerns have thriven no better:

One thing more I ame to mynde yow of, and that is: that yow trust not too much to youre masters, in the shipping of their mates. for it may fall out so, that yow may have occasione to make use of youre mates, insteed of youre Maisters. in case of mortality, or of their missdemaners. but as neare as yow can, let them be sober, able young-men, of good behaveour. for I have seen a fault in this that some have preferred mates, into youre service, that if their maisters should miscary yow would be at a loss for others, in their roomes. besides it is not good to be tyed too much, to depend upon some mens humers. (but to have two strings to one bowe) if yow will doe youre best to find out such mates as aforementioned yow may have good maisters at all tymes, when yow want them. for if youre mates be of youre maisters chooseing (it will be trim, tram, such maister, such man) O Lord how hath the Northwest been corrupted, and youre honours intrests abused, through bad servants, and yowre ignorance. for I perceave youre charge hath been great, and youre profits litle, by tackeing of so much bad counsell, of ignorant knaves.

I let yow to knowe that I found nothing in good order in the countrie, and for want of tyme, and men, I knowe not when it shall be brought into good order. for I have lost one yeares tyme compleat at Charleton island, and I have hung neare 20 doores since I came into the countrie, and have never a lock to them. we want in every factorie a conveniant poudder roome, to keep the poudder from theevs, fire, and water. in ould tymes they left the poudder aboard of the vessells, but there it was not safe, and some tymes they lay'd it in the roome where the goods and men lay. and the house hath been in danger severall tymes, of being burnt, both at Mouse river, & at Chechechawan. which if the poudder had taken fire all the men had perished. It is a great mercy of God that hath preserved the countrie till this tyme, however it is not good to tempt him, but to use means for oure preservatione.

Further my prayers to God are, that all jealousies might be banished out of youre mindes, and that yow could be assured that yow have ane honest and carefull man, to youre Governoure. it would be a great comfort to me, and ease to youre Honours. and it would save me a laboure of wryting apolegies for my selfe, to defend me against licentious men, who seek more there oune ends, then youre profits. then yow would cure my feares, and ansuer to my advice. as I hope indeed yow will both for youre Honours, and profits, and for my credit and content. the reason why I wryt this, is not for any diffidence that yow will not doe it, for I knowe all men are subject to mynde their oune intrests, but if it be possible of preventing yow to adheare to bad counsell.

There is one thing which I writ of to yow, that I must call back, and that is concerning youre malt, for by experience I have found since we removed house, to live by oure selves. we can make good beare for such a quantity of malt as we put in. the mistake was this, when oure men brewed, Capt. Walkers men and they being confederats together, they durst not, or would not hinder them, in so much that they drunke up the most parte of the first running of the sweet woort, and wee were faine to drinke the washings of the graines.

I recommend into your Honours favoure Mr. John Ker chyrurgion of the *dilligence*. one who hath been serviceable to me, and to youre men, in his calling and otherwayes although he hath gained the disspleasure of his Captain by it and for no other reasone, but his corresponding with me. of his qualifications I have writ else-where, and I would yow could get him into youre service, he fit for youre tourne, in divers respects, both for his calling, and pen, and good government of himselfe. lykewayes he can informe youre honoures how yow may get men out of Scotland, who will both faire harder, and serve at cheaper rates, then our London borne childring: they goe to france for small wages and seek their fortounes up and doun the world, and doeth good service where they are, and why may not yow imploy them for youre profit.

June the 12th, this day the sloupe came into the entrance of the sound from P. Ruports East river, but the ice was so thick that she could not get in, and if she had she could not have come to the shore, nor have rid in the streame, for the drift ice that drives in the offing and also for the ice which lodgeth on the shore, so that she drove out to sea againe and spoke not with us. naither could we gaine intelligence how all things were at the factories, and when we shall get off to goe to the factories wee know not, because we ly on ground as yet, and there comes no tyds in to lift her, neither if there did darr we ventour to hall her of for feare of the drift ice. so that I feare it will be jully before I can get to any of the factories, to releive their wants, if they be all well. besides it is a grief to me to have the goods, men, and provisions heere at Charleton island, and can not goe to the maine to be at the factorie, to meet those strange Indians, which I promised to meet, as I have given yow accompt in my former letter. yow may remember that I tould yow, that I arrived at Chechecheawan, and stopped 4000 skins that was a going away, for want of goods to purchase them, and for want of victualls to mentaine them till the goods came, which I prevented in good time. then I say there came doune ane ould Indian, that never sawe yeuropians before, the discreetest salvage that ever I heard. which promised me to come doun this summer with ane hundered Cannow's to trade, but oh my grief that I am not there to encourage him, and to treate him. for want thereof, and men and goods in the factorie, I am afrayed that there will be some hinderance of the trade, or some trouble at the factorie at least, if a worse thing hapne not. now considder how yow are served with these great ships, which doe bring all things into confusione, the which I did well foresee aforehand.

The 13th of this instant, we had a lift of a tide, and halled oure vessell halfe her lenth off from the shore. but durst not hall her furder off for feare that the ice should come in againe with a southwest wind and breake her. this differance there is between Charleton island and the maine, that when the rivers breake up, the freshes caries the ice directly into the sea, and in 2 dayes the rivers are cleare, that a ship can take no hurt, if she escape the breaking up of the river. but at Charleton island the great bodies of ice drives up with the flood, and doune with the ebb, Charleton island on the one side, and Denbies on the other, which receveth the ice in at both ends out of the sea. so that a ship is not safe off at ane anchore, nor by the shore so longe as the ice drives. and that is till this day and I knowe not yet how longe it will be before we have a cleere sea. if we had been at Muse river at this time, as we are at Charleton, from thence we might have gone to Chechechawan, and served that factorie before this tyme of the yeare, and it would have been some 1000s of pounds in yr. way, and oure bussiness going foreward with safety, and content. for the ice is driven from the shore allongst the coast by the freshets that come out of the countrie with the melting of the snowe. so that a vessell may saile allongst the coast before we can worke at Charleton island. there is but a litle tyme of the yeare that wee have to worke in, and if we can not make use of it some things must needs be neglected. Therefore pray yow give heed to advice, who ever shall counsell yow to the contrarie. this day being the 14th of June the sloup arrived heere from P. Ruports east river it is not above 8 hours saile, and she hath been 15 dayes in doeing of it she haveing been 5 tymes put back with the ice and now she is come wee are faine to lay her a shore out of the ices way.

This I am affrayed of, that allthough I have both first by foresight, and next by experiance, writ nothing but the trouth, and what is absolutly needfull, I perceve that some of your Maisters will counsell yow to great ships, but yow may assure youreselves that they seek their oune honour and intrests, more then your profits.

As for example the *Dilligence*, which will stand yow in 2000 pounds before she be discharged, and if my judgement faile me not, and I had the manageing of the foresaid sume, I would build yow a ship, that should doe youre business better then she, and pay meat, drinke, and wages out of the same sume, besides she might have furdered yow more, then I can yet give ane accompt of heere, in the countrie.

The nixt eminent danger that will in likelyhold ensue, is this: that yow will not get a man to take charge of youre small craft, the reasons whereof are these: the ships comeing in so late in the yeare, and the factories being destitute of all things, we are forsed to relieve them with vessells badly fitted without anchors, cables, boats and sailes, a dead shore long nights, barred ports, shoulde water, far from the shore. thick weather that we can not see any land marks, but must be forsed to ride it out, upon life, and death. with never ane anchor at the bow to let fall, if that which is doune should give way and if the vessells should be cast away, which are in great danger, what can a great ship at Charleton island help us. and these have been the causes, that James Knight, & Isack Read, there tymes being out, would not stay in the sloup any longer, I would have got one Daniell Lane a foremast-man to take her, but he refused her, and then I put in her Thomas Garland, and the first yeare he was mad to goe home these straites I am continually (for want of things to be set in good order) put to. and indeed it will not be to augment youre charge, but to lessen it, to take my advice in the former parte of my letter, that is to have a yeares goods and provisions in the countrie beforehand, one ship going and another comeing, with one sloup of 30 tunn as aforesaid to doe oure bussiness in the best of summer. so that we may have litle to doe when the ship comes but to lay her up. 20 men for the ship and sloop are enough that is to say seamen, and youre worke will be well doon, easelie, cheaply with pleasure and content. so that yow may see how youre losses and oure troubles hath arose, for want of better foresight and advice.

Yow mentaine at presant 12 sea-men in the yaught, and the sloup, 2 of them masters, and one mate, and these three their wages comes to 110 *lib.* pr. annum and both these vessells will not cary so much as one sloup, at one turne which sloups companie and Master will not require so much wages as those foresaid men, then yow save 9 mens meat, drinke, and wages, cleare. so that nine men at 30 *lib.* a piece, meat drinke, and wages would be a small lecke stopt of 270 *lib.* pr. annum. and if wee have occasion for two sloups at sea, at once. wee may take three or fower men out of the ship to saile her, and the yaught wee may leave in the river for a supply if any casualitie should hapne to any of the vessells, for the men might be saved though the vessells were loste. then wee should not be lyke the man that had but one paire of breeches, and when they were torne, must ly a bed till they are mended: or lyke a trouper that hath but one horse, and when that is shot he must goe one foot whilest he can purchass another. and so may chance to be killed or taken prisoner before he get one. it hath been soome thousands of pounds to youre loss for want of them, as I coulde make it appear.

And now my Lords I have at presant nothing more materiall, except I find it on the maine, wich if I find some dissorders there, these dissorders will but confirme my jealousies. but as I find things there yow shall have a more breif accompt of them: for I feare I have been too tedious allready, however if yow will be pleased to pass by the toutologies that are in them, and not slight them for the meaness of the styll, the plainess of them will showe yow in parte these woorme holls that have leckt the liquor out of youre caske, and the way to stop them. For yow may be assured that I take my selfe to be so much concerned in the prosperity of the Northwest, as any of yow can be. for yow venter but some parte of youre estates, but I ventour life, and credit, and estate to boot, I am not ignorant of the loss, and dishonoure that both Lovelies, and Wats susstained, to the loss and disshonoure of oure natione. the one of loosing St. cristophers to the frensh. the other for loosing New-york to the dutch. besides the surprysing of many small tradeing forts, in New-England, by the Indians there, those that shoulde have keept them being ignorant marchants, haveing their forts unprovided, and evry thing out of order, the men undissiplined, and the Indians seemingly their friends, and when they sawe their opportunity surprised their factories And yow may judge how they faired that fell into the hands of those salvages, if it were not too tedious I could innumerat, of things of this kinde.

Now this is the sum of all that by my longe experience in these affaires, I can foresee the cloud that threatnes the storme, and if yow will not furnish me with all things to withstand it, the mast of the Northwest will goe by the board.

This large epistle I have writ to yow to be a witness for the future, and shall remaine in record, for I keep the coppie of them to justifie me when I come home or after my deceas. that if any dissaster come to the Northwest dissgracefull to oure natione. that it was not for want of will nor skill, nor honesty in me, but for sutable supply to mentaine and defend it.

And furder by these, and my other letter I would avise yow to extract the quintessence out of them, by makeing of ane abridgement of them, which will serve yow for a rememberance in youre effaires, for the greatest thing I fea[r] is youre honours ignorance through bad advice. and least God should take me away as Master Baily, and yow remaine still in the darke.

As for the heap of unventable goods which ly spoylling on oure hands the yearely accompt will showe yow, but there be some that will not goe which we can not give ane accompt of, these are brokne tylls, pins, and laths, if wee had the prime coast of them and their fraught, layed out in ould sherie it would goe off better to oure comfort, and more to youre profit, the shoes which yow send are stark naught, one paire will not serve a man one mone[th] one paire of pumps is better for the countries use if they be good, then 3 paire of them, and will last longer, the best goods is allways best cheap. yo[ur] great gunns are all too heavy, and we have great on's enough allreddie, if yow had sent so many gunns, not waying more then the [illegible] of their mett[le] they had been better for oure uce, for the small quantity of men that we have to man them, and they will require less pouder and shot. yow have sent cordig good store, but litle for oure use and of that wee want most there came no[ne] I pray yow goe no more by guess, but walke by rule, if yow be not minded to waste youre stoke for no profit.

Upon the 19th of June I set saile in the *Collintone*, with the sloup *Hay's* in my company the one for Muce-river, the other for Chechechewan. we found some ice by the way which was some small hinderance to us. on the 24th day wee arrived, but when we were entered into the channell it being the 22th day at night wee were takne with a great storme that put us on shore, that at lowe water it was drie all about us, but as it hapned through Gods mercy we receved no hurt I was much troubled how we should get off againe for want of a boat at the factorie to lightne her. but so it was that God sent us a good tyde and wee got off in safty, and arrived at the factorie, where I had not been for the space of one yeare. Indeed I did not find things so bad as I feared, by reasone of the prudant care of Mr. Phips, whoe proved himselfe much of a man in time of need. and arrived in good time to heale the distractiones which were rysing amongst them as may appeare by the letters that were sent one to the other to inquire after me which yow shall have for your further satisfaction. Mr. Phips had sent a boat to Chechechewan to supply them with some goods. and before I arrived att the factorie (To the praise of God be it spokne) for I found all things better then expectation, but in the midst of sweets there will be some sower, for when I came to the factories I found the mens times all expiered. and all of them fully resolved to goe home. and what to doe in this case I was to seek, in reason I could not blame them, neither was it safe for me to constraine them. some of them I intreated as Mr. Gass whome I have put in for trader, at muce river. and William Whitacker whome I did prevaile so much with as to stay. from thence I retourned to Charleton Island, with the smith to make Captain Walkers rudder-irons. when I begun to make them, I propounded to him whither he would let so many of his men, that were willing to stay in the countrie, in the roome of some of my sea-men that were to goe home, he made some difficulty of it at first alleadging that it would be a breach of charterpartie. I answered that it would not, and that I had doon more for him then charterparty requiered, and that if he would not gratifie the company in that which would not prejeduce him nor his owner, I would doe nothing for him but what was in his charterparty, and consequently he could not have hung his rudder, but after a litle discourse, and a better consideration he granted to let me have some of his men who were willing, for others in their room's that were sea-men.

Upon the last day of June we returned from Muce river to Charletone Island and on the 5th of Jully we were loadned and set saile for Chechechewan. and upon the 8th we arrived, where I found all things better then I could expect by the faithfull and industrious care of Isack Read whose recommendation yow shall have in a letter by its selfe. and there I found that all the disscontent was that the mens tymes were out, and some of them should have gone home the yeare before. they had threatned that if I did not send them home this yeare they would make such worke in the northwest as the lyke was never seen before. There is one great cause why oure younge men are disscouraged to stay in the countrie, their times will be lost, and that if I doe advance them to places of trust, whom I find both able and trusty for their places, they shall not have the sallerie which pertaineth to the men in their place except they be put in, and have their commissions from yow, so that they will not stay in the country for these causes. nototwithstanding there was ever so great need of them. they bring in William Bond, and Thomas more for precidents who were preferred from fore-mast-men, the one for Maister of the bark, and the other for trader. and when they came home yow would not pay them according to their places, but put them off with the wadges which they had when they came into the countrie, these things hath been declared to me by Captain Walker to the heareing of many. if these things be true youre governour is in a pitifull case, when he shall dilligently observe the fittest men to put in place of trust, as they fall vacant. to supply the rooms of others in case of mortality or their misdemaneours, or leaving their places when their tymes are out. and this is the presant case of Isack Read who hath doon yow good and faithfull service, these three yeares one yeare Mr. of the sloup, on yeare trader at Mouse-river and one yeare trader and factor at Chechechewan, he is startled at these newse so that he will stay in the country no longer. neither indeed can I desire him to stay thoug[h] his assistance be never so helpfull to me besides it is dangerous to me two wayes, first if all things be not well ordered in the country it will be requiered at my hand by your Honours. secondly if I put men into offices, and yow pay them no other wages, it will not only be a dissgrace to me but in danger my being arreasted when I come home, besides it is a great hinderance to your business, and a great stop to ingenuity. For when they shall know their oune sufficiencie and that they have attained to places of trust by their good endevours, & honest cariages they shall be slighted by yow and others of small or no deserts, who shall come home and frame stories to yow, to procure commissiones for themselves to dissplace their betters, whose honnesty and ability hath been made good proof of. I would aske yowr Honours a question that, suppose yow went to buy a horse, which promised faire to the eye and was much praised by the horse courser. would yow willingly parte with a good tryed horse, for one that yow know not: the case heare is all one, for your carter can tell better, then yow what horse can lay his shoulder to the coller best. yow can but heare youre servants, youre Governour is to look into their actions. wherefore I pray yow to pay them, according to their places, that have served yow well, although they were put in by the Governour, and have not youre immediat commission I have heard that our Eastindian-company hath not been accustomed to mend their servants, but to continue them in the same wages they had when they departed England, let their advancement be never so great: but I assure yow that yow can not walke by that precident. for there is to my experiance so much differance, between this, and that, as between hot, & could. neither is it possible for a man to raise his fortoune heere but by his sellery.

My lords this thing I wryt not, as haveing any diffidence in my selfe for I verrily believe that yow will not disshonour your selves, nor disscredit your Governour, but will performe all these contracts that he shall make with the men, when there is a necessity to stay men in the countrie for to supply places of trust, according to your instructions under your oune hands, all which I have shoune, to all those that hath not been satisfied but such is their jealosies, that they are lyke the cat that was scalded with hot water, is ever after affray'd of could. now Isack Read having a mind to goe home there was a necessity to Supply his place, wherfore I put Mr. Thomas Phips to take charge, & Robert Sanford his trader, and assistante for Isack compleaned to me that it was more then one man was able to performe yow must knowe that Chechechewan is your chief place of trade, but the worst place for navigation. I did think to have made it the place of my recidance but your order to the contrarie stopt it.

Another reason is, that Muce-river lyeth between the two factories that a Governour may have his eye on both, and may have the ships about him. for it is that if the Maisters of ships take upon them to hector, they will strive to over-rule one that shall be inferior to him. therefor Muce-river is the best in that respect, but in another it is not, for some yeares it does breake up verry rudly and to say the trouth, Ruports Eastriver is the best to winter a ship in, but for trade it is litle worth. besides where the ships winter it is needfull that the Governour winter also, because that there will be the chief magazine of store and the vessells with him for to transporte the goods, and gather the beaver together, if it must be at Ruport East-river as aforesaid it will be out of the way of trade. and the Governour with all his strenth, and show must be so neare as he can to the greatest concourse of Indians, the Indians have desiered my presence at Chechechewan, but for the reasons aforesaid it can not well be. Isack Read who was there before complained that it was too great a burthen for one man to beare, namely to be trader, factor, overseer of the worke, booke keeper, and steward. all therfore I considdering and that I could not tend that factorie in my oune persone, I appoynted Mr. Thomas Phips, one whome the Indians love. and is so able for that place, yea abler then any else that I can find, with Thomas Sanford his assistance.

And now my Maisters as it is my deutie to give yow intelligence of all things, I advertise yow that it will be for your interest to incourage Mr. Thomas Phips he hath served yow these fower yeares for store-house keeper, and hath attained to the knoweledge of your affairs. he is of good government, a hardy young-man and so well qualified in all things that yow will not easily find a better of his years. he is able to undergo hardship, and travell, and endoure hunger, and could with patiance, a good accomptant, and one who gaines the good will of all men and to what is wanting in him, experience, with good documents, will soon accomplish him fit for Government: 'tis true he is inexpert in the knowledge of the Malitia, which is fit for every Governour to know; but if it may please yow to confirme him in the Deputy governours place. for I assure yow that he is worth so many of the other two as will fill a knopsak therefore I pray confirme the wadges due to him according to his place from the tyme that he was put into it. I have not one in the countrie at presant in any office of trust, that hath ane emediat commission from yow, but those whome I have put in, and I hope your bussiness will be so well doon, as ever it was; if not better. I have entertained Mr. John Ker Chyrurgion, of the *Dilligence*, in the room of Mr. Bennet Smith For one yeare, and yow must send me one in his place the nixt yeare, and also a Carpinter nixt yeare. My Lords, if yow doe thinke that I have been a bad husband, in giveing to great wages to men to stay in the country impute it not to me but to your selves, that may have them at cheaper rates, what I doe necessity forceth me to it, for to supply your defects. I have sent home Captain Cobie partly by his oune consent, and request, because of the death of his wife, to look after his childerine, and his goods, and seing that his mate John Brounson was sufficiant to supply his place, it would save yow some wages and yow might have more need of him at home for the carying your ships out and home. he aught to have experiance of this, for he hath made so many voyages and borne charge as any servant yow have, and that for many yeares, wherefore I think him most fit for your service. The nixt is all your seamens tymes in the country will be out next yeare Maisters and all, and if yow doe not send new Maisters and men, we must lay up the vessells by the walles, and what will it availe to have your goods brought to Charleton Island if yow send us not men to saile them, for if men be stopt after their tymes be out, then they are nixt to mutiny and all that youre Governour can doe will not pacifie them, if he would give them never so much, and be their slave to boot.

One thing more is to be taken notice of at this present, July the 29th wee are heare the number of 60 men at Charleton Island, and but 14 at the three factories to guard them, (viz.) at Chechechewan 6, at Muce river 5, and at Ruports East river 3. is not this dangerous in this tyme of the yeare to draw the men from their guard, and their labour. It hath been a former custom to leave the factories slightly guarded, when they had litle or nothing to leave in them. the houses being no better then hog-stys, that if any body should attempt, they coulde get nothing by it, neither coulde they keep them. Master Bayly, hath been in great feare many tymes that he should not have a house to come to in the winter but now it is more dangerous then it was in his tyme, for our Country is in a maner fortified and wants but a litle finishing, besides wee have the fort at Chechechewan to looke after, which was not in Mr. Baylys tyme. the forts as I have say'd, being furnished with victualls, & goods, they would be warme nests for an enimy to keep themselves in, and then oure labour would be well bestowed to have made a road for our oune breech.

Wherefore once more I desire yow to send men into the countrie to guard them, that wee may prevent any ensueing evell: if I could make woodne men to so good purpose, as I can make woodne forts, they should be surely well guarded, and this is the effects of Charleton Island as I have writ else where.

And now I come to talk of Captain Walker once again, who manifesteth his splen to height, although I have doon my best to allay it. yow understand how that at presant wee have great want of men, and he did promise me before his rudder was hung, that he would spare me so many of his men as should be willing to stay, and change births with so many of my men as were willing to saile his ship home in their rooms. but after his rudder was hung and I had gott my mens consent and some of his men were willing, he found out a creetick to revock all which he had promised, for when I clamed his promice, he tould me that if my men would enter themselves in his ship, to doe his mens labor without wages, and bind themselves, each of them in a bound of 5 pounds to be obediant unto him, upon these tearmes he would change with me. when my men heard this there were non of them that would consent upon these tearmes. for they say'd (as well they might) that it was enough for them to forfeit their wages, for he might seek all opportunities to make them forfeit their obligation, and they were affrayed that they should be made doe all the drugerie, and become inferiors to his men to effect that. therefor as they had served their tymes out, and some of them in places of credit, as Isack Read, who would for the furtherance of your effaires, did promice to goe home afore the mast, but when he heard the baseness of the tearmes he utterly denied it. When I felt my shoe to wring me there, I tryed if some of the ould men would stay but he did circumvent me in this also, by defameing your Honours, that if I should advance their wages, let it be upon what occasion so ever, yow would not pay it. moreover he sayed and that publickly that if any man stayed in the country beyond his tyme he aught to have governours wages, and to make all sure that I should be circumvented he (as gathered by the concequence) hath tutered his men to aske high wages, whereas at first they of themselves did proffer to stay for 31 shilling pr. month, these things conssiddered, I leave it to yow to judge how well he hath minded his charterparty in promoting the honour and interest of the country. That which he alleadgeth, is, that he is to have 5*s.* per week for the mens passage home, and that his ouner will loss by it, a great loss by it indeed to change 4 or 5 men, for if he losseth it in their passage he saveth it in their victuals that his men should eat, that stayes in their room, but for all his saveing for his ouner I hope he will save something for yow, namely his ship loadne with wood and stones. by all these yow may judge what help yow might expect from a hyred ship if need require, that looks for all helps from me more then obligaon bindes me to, but will not goe beyond their charterparty without makeing a pray of youre necessitys in such small maters. I am furder to advertise yow that when I was at Chechechewan, Capt. Walker took his boat and went to Ruports East river and brought severall bundells from thence, he sayed that it was meat that the Indians gave him, but what it was I can not tell.

One thing more I am to advertise yow of, which is that yow would be pleased to afford me something extraordinary for my table what yow shall think fit I speak not as though I had so great need thereof for my oune persone, for in the tyme of necessity, (as for example) I hav fared so hard as the meenest boy in the factory, but for the dignity of my place. It is hard, and renders a Governour Contemptible, that a Maister of a ship should be better provided for then a Governour. besides it hath not been for your profits, in ould tymes for the Governour to be beholdne to Maisters of ships for their treats. and not in a capacity to retourne them againe, in the same kinde, for which yor beaver in ould tymes hath gone for the reackoning. besides a Governours table is always comon for all commers, and goers, both in winter and summer and what a bace contemnable thing it is, that a Governour is not able to treat his inferior officers sivilly: nor is able to gratifie a good turne, or to encourage a forward lad, and if I should bate any thing of their former allowance it being so litle, the men would be disscontent and say that I starved some, to pomper others.

therefor I pray yow that yow would allow me such extraordinaries apart marked with the two first letters of my name for the uses aforesaid, that the men may see that yow have respect to me, and they will regard me accordingly: and let the quantities be what yow think fitting for I doe not this to leave a drunkne voluptuous life it is a thing which I hate both in my selfe and others, but for decency and my credit and yow will loss nothing by it, wherefor at that tyme of the yeare yow may get from holland a few west fally hams some pot butter some chesser cheeses some sugar, some cherrie for that is good sound wine, some good Nantice Brandy and a but of malt, for I am antiant and water doeth not agree with me.

And now gentil-men although I have writ for these things it will not be much for my profit, or Credit, to have been three yeares without them. and at best it is lyke I shall be the fourth also at best. and if I had finished my worke that I have begun, and that my letters had been ansuered, so that I might doon soomething worthy my comeing: I should have writ this yeare, but so it was that my letter went not home, by the misscariage of the ships, and the *Dilligence* comeing heere so late; there is a yeare lost: and beeng willing to make things easie, and safe for him that shall succeed me, I am willing if God Give life & health, and it be your pleasure to mark out a stay'd path for my successor to walk by, better then I found my selfe, leest he should break his shins as Liddel did. in order thereunto I have sent yow a ruff draft of the fort at Chechechewan which may serve for the fort at Muce river also.

Moreover least it should be thought that I have imbaseled any of your goods either directly or indirectly yow shall know that I have given to Captain Walker a beaver coat containing some eight skins, and to Captain Covell one containing some seven skins to keep them warme on their homeward bound voage.

And now my Lords for a conclusion to my long and tedious story the troubles of these first three yeares, with our wants, which if yow peruse these, with the letters of the first three yeares, and wryt ane abridgement out of them all and joyne the quintessence in one small memorandum book, it may informe yow: for I am wearie to wryt such long letters and I feare yow will be wearie to read them, I am greatly desierous to heare how my letters and my service is accepted with yow, it is hard for a man that is in my place to be three years before he can have ane ansuer of his letters, to enable him to compleat those bussinesses, that had been more needfull to be doon at the first setteling of the countrie: but I doubt not but yow have had them of the ould dissorderly faction who will endevour to disstract your mindes with strange apprehensions of me, but for all this I am not alltogether disscouraged, for I have well weighed my actions, and weakness, and imperfections excepted. which all men aught humblie to confess. I have and shall in the feare of God praying for his direction, how I may governe in faithfullness. and I thank his name that he hath heard my prayers. for although I have been perplexed with many troubles, the Lord hath delivered me out of them all, and at the last he will deliver me from the persecution of the tongue, to the shame of all my enemies, but indeed yours more then mine. one acceptable ansuer from your Honours, would be as a cordiall to me, to quickne me up in your business, which is pretty well advanced in all things hitherto. Considdering oure state and strenth but no wayes lyke to goe foreward with such expedition as it should for want of men. not haveing more at presant to trouble yow withall, for want of better drinke then water to drinke your healths at presant, my humble prayers to God is to give yow knowledge in your effairs; and that he will give yow wisdom to decerne betwixt honnest men, and good counsell; and flattering knaves and bad counsell. and this shall serve for a health to the prosperity of the Northwest.

From your humble servant

John Nixon

Post sript

Right honourable there are some things that I ommitted in the letter that I shall remind yow of; and that is to give yow to understand that Mr. Thomas Plant, and Mr. John Abell, are my true and lawfull attornies, and executors of my will, I presented them before the comitie that they might take notice of them, I pray yow pay my wages to them as It shall grow dew that they may be enabled to bring up my Childe and to doe my other business of my worldly concerns, that while I serve yow here my other businesses goe not to loss; and it will greatly engadge youre humble servant. More I have to informe yor. Honours of I have given away somethings to deserving men, that were given to me: to make them Capes, or mittens. of ottar skins to Joseph Pollard one, to Simon Harimanson, one. Bennet Smith one, Capt. Walker one, Francis merik one John Py one: besides these I know not that I have given any thing I have a great many given me in the yeare I hope I shall not be compted ane offender, for I doe them not on my oune accompt but for the credit of my place and to encourage good actions, if yow will not allow me in these things let me know your mindes, for it is a base thing for a Governour, not to have such priviledge, these things I have writ to save the informer a labour, for I doe not expect but to be more Narrouly watched then I can watch others, but their labour is in vain for I have God, and my owne conciance to watch me, I advertise yow that Capt. Walker hath three Coats, one that Captain Power gave him, one that I gave him, one martine skin'd coat that he had somewhere else.

I have this Day (being the 7 of August) taken notice of, (so neare as I can,) these furrs and apperall that the passingers have belonging to them, therefor I leave it to yor. disscretions, Captain Walsall Cobbie two Coats one lined with beaver the other with martine skins, Isack Reed late trader at Chechechewan one coat lined with beaver, and two popuce skins in his chest which he prayeth he may keep to show his freinds for a monument of the Northwest where he hath been, I have lent him a coat of thirtein skins, and yow have his recept for it to deliver up to yow when he comes home, if yow be pleased to take it, but I would humbly intreat yow to let him have it againe, and to enter him into yor. service again, for I have experience of his fidelity and ability, and yow may credit to his advice, Richard Lewis had a coat lined with beaver, And Thomas Walsh another, these are all tha[t] I took notice of, but I thought it scandelous to take them away they being their weareing Apperall. Hance Peckman had a beaver skin whic[h] I gave him for his encouragement for adventering himselfe with Mr. Phips to the maine, and for Carying a letter from Chechechewan to Mous-river now I know not what I have ommitted but yow may be informed either by Mr. Phips, and Mr. Varners letters or by word of of mouth from Isack Rede that I have great confidence he will informe yow justly according to his power, At the departour of this ship I hope we shall leive in peace and qui[et]ness though our number be but small for we shall be but thirty in all to guard the factories, and to saile the two vessells.

Moreover I have sent one paire of Muse hornes, and one pair of bucks horns marked EH, for to be presented by Mr. Cobbie, to Sr. Edward Hungerf[ord] as also two paire of Snow Shoes, one pair marked EH, and one RC, and a fox marked RC, if yor. Honrs. please to let them pass, and one Martine marked IH. One thing more I must advertise yow that yor. Honours goa[ts] are dead, and that it is lost labour to trouble yr. selves to send either the[m] or hogs for they destroy more provisions then they are worth, but if an[y] thing thrive it will be shotland, or orkny sheep for they have good coats on their backs to defend them in winter from the could, and in summer against the flyes. wee have great need of a briklayer in the country To make oure stoves, and ovens and chymnys, and to tyll the houses with other worke that there will be for him, your Honrs. would doe well to send a net maker into the country they would pay their wages and be a great releef to the Indians, that comes a great way to get them food by the way. It hath been a frequent custome for yor. seamen to drink out the brandy by the way and fill it up with water so that after the frost hath takne it, it hath lost its spirits so that in the place of brandy and rum, wee have not halfe the spirits. And that yow may prevent that, I pray let your liquor be good, and let a bottle be draune out of each cask for proof, and marke the bottle with the same mark and number as yow doe the caske & put them into a cass as though yow had sent me some cordiall water and give it to the Mr., or some other in speciall charge to deliver it to my oune hands for the seamen mostly are theeves, that if they cary a milstone, they will have a paire of quoits out of them if they can. It is a shame that oure liquor should be yearely so abused, this is the wayes they have to fill their runlets out of oure liquors, and when they come here they treat us with oure oune liquors, and think themselves brave fellous in so doeing and lay obligation on oure men to returne them presents for their rewarde.

These are furder to informe yow that Captain Walker had ten or twelve barrills of pouder with shot equivalant, which he did desier me to take off his hand for yor. use, and I promised therto, so that I caried all the pouder that was here at Charleton to have supplyed two factories, to Chechechewan, depending upon his pouder for Ruports East river, but when I came back from Chechechewan and demanded his pouder he refused, to let me have it except I would give him a bill for prime coast, use, and ensurance, which demand I thought unreasonable and would not take it upon such tearmes.

I have sent a small Indian popuce skin with a girdle marked AC with Isac Rede for a present to the Earle of Shafsberie, I hope yor. Honours will let it pass, I have given to one of Captain Walkers men, John Pye two Mouse skins for ane of the Cape Indian lances that I have sent home to yor. Honours by Captain Cobbie and I desire that it may be presented, with my service to Sr. James Hayes.

I have commitionated Captain Walsall Cobbie and Isac Rede with so stronge commissions as I could devise, to be waters of the ship *dilligence* to look after yor. goods as may appeare by their Commissions.

I have given to Captain Walsall Cobbie a duplicat of yor. letter that he may poast to yow with all possible speed with them, the cause why I did these thing[s] is for these reasons, knowing the loss that yor. Honours have susstained in former times, and by reason of the great antipathy that is between Wa[lker] and Cobbie, they will not easily cement together which if they doe not yo[w] can not be wronged in ane ordinary way. the other reason is, that, when I receaved yor. box of wrytings the box lid was broke, and one might feare that it was brokne up to look into the secrets theirof, therefor I sent a duplicat.

John Nixon

The Names of the Men, wch. Goes home In the ship *Dilligence*, Nehemiah Walker Commander

Imprimis

Mr. Walsall Cobbie, Late Commander of the Yaucht
Mr. Isaac Rede, Late factor att Chechichewan
Anthoney Dowrich,
Tho. Archord
John Mechem
Tho. Mason
John Shaw
Tho. Welsh
Fran. Pecher
Ezekiel Ellis,
Richard Lewis,
Richard Alderage
Haunce Peckman
William Persin
Gilbert Hobkins,

Mr. Bennet Smyth, Late Chyrurgion of the Cuntrey, who Is Gon home In the Roome of Mr. John Ker, now Present Chyrurgion of the Cuntrey.

An Account of the Mens Names, which are Now Remaineing In the Cuntrey Att the Departure of the Good Ship Called the *Dilligence*, Nehemiah Walker Commander. From Charleton Island.

Charleton Island, now Resident,
John Nixon, Esqr. Governour
Thomas Phipps, Deputy Governour

Mr. Hugh Verner Factor at P. Ruperts East River
Mr. John Ker, Chirurgion,
Mr. John Brownson Master of the Yaucht *Collet[on]*
Mr. Thomas Garland, Master of the Sloope *Hayes*
William Whittaker, Secratary to the Governour
Thomas Mettam Carpenter.

### Att Moose River Cheife Factory

Mr. Benjamin Gorhst, Trader
Thomas Kildale, Armourar & Smyth
Richard Macharell
John Vincent
William Foulder[1]

### Att Chechichewan

Robert Sandford, Trader
Mr. Bryan Norbury
John Keagle,
Tho. Coleman
Anthoney Beale alias Small Cole
William Harrington alias Red Cap

### Att P. Ruperts East River,

Samuell Bincks
Thomas Tayler,
James Logan

### Charleton Island more

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| Jacob Robertson | Fore Mast Men Belonging to the the Yaucht *Colleton* |
| John Funter | |
| Nicholas Travasero | |
| Thomas Amphlet | |
| Nicholas Johnson | Fore Mast Men Belonging to the Sloope *Hayes* |
| George Burwish | |
| James Hawkshead | |
| Laton Steele | |
| William Price | |

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[1] "alias Thump the Devil" crossed through follows this name.

A Trew Coppy out of the Counsell Bookes of the Transactions, Since the 9th of August 1681 to this Present yeare 1682

October the 28th 1681

A Councell held Att Charleton Island Present John Nixon, Esqr. Mr. Tho. Phypps Counceller, Mr. Walsall Cobbie Counceller.

Whareas The Ship *Dilligence*, Nehemiah Walker Commander, Arived Into Charleton Sound, the Sixtenth of September 1681 It being so Late In the yeare, that It ware more fitting that our Small Vessel ware Retiered Into our Rivers, but so It was that we ware forced of Nesescity, to Supply as well as w[e] Could our Factoryes wth. such Like wares & Provisio[ns] As Possible we Could, for that yeare, with one Turn and at the Returne of our Vessells to Charleton, eac[h] of them Lost An Anchor, & Part of theire Cables tha[ ] After we had Loaded both of our Vessells, the *Hayes* Sloope for Prince Ruperts East River & the *Colleton* Yaucht for Prince Ruperts West River and Secured the Rest of our Goods In the houses that we had Provide[d] for them the *Hayes* Sloope Sailed with An Opertun[ity] of A No. Wst. Wind, for P. Ruperts East River but the *Colleton* Yaucht Lay from the 13th of this Instant, t[o] the 28th Ditto, Wind Bound, & did putt out of the Sound Sevirall Times, being bound for P. Ruperts West River, but Could by noe meanes obtaine A Passage thether, than we Asayed for aney Port that we might Possibly fetch, but the Wind & weath[er] and the hardness of the winter, Comeing on so hard that we ware forced to Returne againe for Charleton Sound, there to waite a day or two to see If It would Please god to Send a slatch of faire weather & wind To fetch aney part of the Mayne, by Reason that the Lateness of the yeare, and the hardness of the weather, did Advertise us, that all the Rivers was frozen up these things drove us to A Serious Consideration, In what Distraction our Men would be In, at our Factoryes, when they Could not heare from their Governor nor Cheife factor, nor from the Vessel, It might breed some Mutinies, stirr Amongst the Men, & Indians, In the factoryes upon the Mayne, as usially It falleth out In such Accidences, there not being aney Superior Person Among them all to Command them.

Therefore It Is ordered by this Councell for the better Saveing of the Companeys Goods, and Keepeing all things In good Order, that the yaucht *Colleton* & her Companey wth. the Governor Doe Remaine Att Charleton Island, & there to winter, that she may be the more Safe to serve the Companey the next Spring, & that Mr. Tho. Phypps, whom we have found Abell and Willing be Deputed Deputy Governor & If Wind & weather Shall Searve, with the first Opertunitye himselfe & four hands more will Trye If Possible to Gett to the Maine, Iñ A Boate, & from thence To Travell for Prince Ruperts West River, & there to take Charge of all things, as a Deputy Governor ought to doe, Given under our hands this present Instant

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| Coppy Vera | John Nixon Governor |
| Will. Whittaker | Tho. Phypps D. Governor |
| | Walsall Cobbie |

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Prince Ruperts West River June the 28th 1682.

A Councell than being Held present John Nixon Esqr. Governour, Tho. Phipps Deputy Governor Walsall Cobbie Counceller.

To Take Into Consideration to Supply a place of Trust wch. Is now Vacant In the Cuntrey, and for As much as we have found Benjamin Gorst Trusty and the Suffitientest Man that we Can spy In the Cuntrey, therefore we doe alow him Thirty pounds pr. yeare from this day to be Imployed In Such an Office as Instructions Specafies, & the Said Benjamin Gorst Is to Remain In the Cuntrey on this Accot. for Three yeares unless the Companey or his Friends Countermind It, As Wittness our hands the Day & yeare abov[e] written.

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| Coppy Vera | John Nixon Govr. |
| Will. Whittaker | Tho. Phipps Dep. G[overnor] |
| | Walsall Cobbie |

Chechichewan In Hudsons Baye July the 13th 1682

A Councell being than held Present John Nixon Governor Walsall Cobbie Counceller Tho. Garland Counceller.

Whareas Isaac Rede haveing Petitioned to the Governor for the Goeing home for England, and the Governour haveing Discharged him of his Present Imployment As being Cheife Commander and Trader, of the foresaid Chechichewan, the place being Vacant, be It Ordered that Robert Sandford, Succeed him In the place of Trader, & that he also Take the Command upon him, Till Such Time As An order shall Come for Some other, to Serve In Cheife, & he than for to be Second Man In place, of Command, & for to Keepe his foresaid Traders Place, all this to Continew during his Good Behaviour, and the Honourable Companeys Pleasure, his Wages being Confirmed Att Thirty Pounds pr. Annum, As Wittness our hands the Day & year above written.

Coppy Verà
William Whittaker

John Nixon Governor
Walsall Cobbie
Tho. Garland

Robert Sandford Sworne to his place the Day & yeare above written

by me John Nixon Govr.

Coppy Vera
Will. Whittaker

Charleton Island August the 4th 1682

Mr. Hugh Verner Commander In Cheife Att Prince Ruperts East River, was Sworne one of the Councell

Jurat pr. me John Nixon Govr.

Coppy Verà
Will. Whittaker

August the 4th 1682

A Councell held Present John Nixon Esqr. Governor Mr. Tho. Phipps Deputy Governor Mr. Walsall Cobbie Counseller, Mr. Hugh Verner Counceller

Whareas Mr. Bennet Smyth Late Chyrurgion In the Cuntrey being Departed home In the *Dilligence* And we haveing No Chyrurgion In the Cuntrey, It Is Agreed by the Councell, that Mr. John Ker Late Chyrurgion In the *Dilligence* be Entered Into the Companeys Service for Fifty Pounds pr. yeare, In the Roome of the foresaid Mr. Bennet Smyth from the 28th of July Last past, As Wittness our hands the Day & yeare above written

John Nixon Governor
Tho. Phipps Deputy Governor
Walsall Cobbie
Hugh Verner

Coppy Verà
William Whittaker

Charleton Island August the 9 1682

A Councell Held, Present John Nixon Esqr. Governour Tho. Phipps Deputy Governour Mr. Hugh Verner Counceller, Mr. Tho. Garland Counceller.

Wharein It was ordered That Mr. John Brownson Should Take the Charge of the Yaucht *Colleton* upon him, wittness our hands the Day & yeare above written

John Nixon Governor
Tho. Phipps D. Governor
Hugh Verner
Tho. Garland

Coppy Verà
Will. Whittaker

Mr. John Brownson, was Sworne to his place the Day & yeare above Written

Jurat pr. me John Nixon Governor

Coppy Verà
Will. Whittaker

# APPENDIX B

## SUNDRY ACCOUNTS

General Stock, 1676
Proprietors of Stock, 1682
Groseilliers and Radisson, 1675
Prince Attash, 1675
Leclerc and Prevost, 1677
Fur sale, 5th voyage, 1676/7
*Shaftesbury* accounts, 1677
Fur sale, 1677
Accounts of voyage, 1678
Fur sale, 1679/80

# APPENDIX B

## 1676[1]

The Generall Stock of the Hudsons bay-Company Dr.
to the severall Adventurers therein vizt

March 26th

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To his Royall Highness the Duke of Yorke | 300 | – | – |
| To his Highness Prince Rupert | 200 | – | – |
| To Christopher Duke of Albemarle | 500 | – | – |
| To William Earle of Craven | 200 | – | – |
| To Henry Earle of Arlington | 200 | – | – |
| To Anthony Earle of Shaftsbury | 700 | – | – |
| To the Lord Ashley | 200 | – | – |
| To Robert Boyle Esqr. | 100 | – | – |
| To Sr. George Carteret | 400 | – | – |
| To Sr. Peter Colleton | 300 | – | – |
| To Sr. Edward Hungerford | 300 | – | – |
| To Sr. John Griffith | 300 | – | – |
| To Sr. James Hayes | 1500 | – | – |
| To Sr. William Warren | 300 | – | – |
| To Sr. John Kirke | 300 | – | – |
| To Sr. Richard Munden | 200 | – | – |
| To the Lady Margaret Drax | 300 | – | – |
| To Francis Millington Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To William Pretyman Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To Thomas Neile Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To William Young Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To Marke Hildesly Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To Richard Carew Esqr. | 400 | – | – |
| To John Lindsay Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To John Bence Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To Richard Kent Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To George Pitts Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To Paul Ferine Esqr. | 300 | – | – |
| To Mr. William Walker | 200 | – | – |
| To Mr. William Wootton | 200 | – | – |
| To James Buck Esqr. | 100 | – | – |
| To Capt. Hopefor Bendall | 100 | – | – |
| To Mr. James Foster | 150 | – | – |
| To Mr. Stephen Cooke | 50 | – | – |
| The Whole Stock is Ten thousand & five hundred pounds | 10500 | – | – |

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[1] Abstracted from A.14/2, fo. 32d.

The present Proprietors of the Stock [August, 1682] vizt.[1]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| His Royall Highnesse the Duke of Yorke in Compa. | £300 | – | – |
| His Highnesse Prince Rupert | 200 | – | – |
| His Grace Christopher Duke of Albemarle | 500 | – | – |
| William Earle of Craven | 200 | – | – |
| Richard Cradock | 800 | – | – |
| Sr. Christopher Wren | 200 | – | – |
| The Honble. Robert Boyle Esqr. | 100 | – | – |
| John Cudworth | 500 | – | – |
| Abigall Blake | 300 | – | – |
| Sr. James Hayes | 300 | – | – |
| Sr. Robert Clayton & Compa. | 700 | – | – |
| Francis Tyssen junr. | 500 | – | – |
| The Lady Margaret Drax | 600 | – | – |
| Gerrard Weymans | 200 | – | – |
| Nicholas Hayward | 450 | – | – |
| William Young Esqr. | 900 | – | – |
| Marke Hildesley | 300 | – | – |
| George Barron | 300 | – | – |
| Sollomon Hougham | 200 | – | – |
| William Walker Senr. | 200 | – | – |
| John Bradley | 200 | – | – |
| Stephen Cook's Executors | 50 | – | – |
| Henry Cornish | 200 | – | – |
| John Letten | 1000 | – | – |
| Christopher Yates | 100 | – | – |
| Stephen Pitts | 100 | – | – |
| George Earle of Berkley | 300 | – | – |
| Joseph Ashurst | 300 | – | – |
| Robert Hudson | 200 | – | – |
| Edward Addams | 300 | – | – |
| | £10500 | – | – |

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[1] Abstracted from A.15/1, fo. 36. According to A.14/3, the above people were also stockholders on May 31, 1682, at which date the present volume of Minutes ends.

1675[1]

Monsr. Groselier and Radison Drs.

| | | | li. | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | To Cash paid them at severall times as by accompt of particulars in Ledger 1 in folio, 32 & 70 | 827 | 11 | 8 |
| Octobr. | 11 | To Cash paid Monsr. Goosberry by Mr. Lindsay | 20 | – | – |
| Novemb. | 29 | To Cash paid him p. ditto | 50 | – | – |
| | | To Cash paid Monsr. Radison p. ditto | 50 | – | – |
| | | To severall Goods and Merchandizes as p. Mr. Heatlyes Journall folio 13 | 43 | 1 | 1 |
| | | To Cloaths delivered Monsr. Groselier by Mr. Palmer & Mr. Gorst as by wages book folio 2 | | | |
| 1676 | | | | | |
| Aprill | 7 | To Cash paid Mr. Walker Interest of money lent upon his Medall | 7 | – | – |

1675

P. Contra Crs.

By eight years & ½ service at home and abroad in the Companyes Employment at

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[1] A.14/2, fos. 66d.-67.

1675[1]

Prince Attash Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Novemb. | 30 | To Cash paid Monsr. Radison expended on him pd. by Mr. Lindsay . . | 1 | 19 | – |
| | | To Cash expended on him by Capt. Gillam . . . . . . . | | | |
| | | To Cash expended on him by James Tatnam pd. by Mr. Holmes . . | 3 | – | – |
| | | To Cash expended on him & laid out for Cloaths &c. by Mr. Gorst . . | 6 | 19 | 2 |
| | | To Cash laid out for him by Richard Beane . . . . . . . | – | 16 | 6 |
| Febr. | 7 | To Cash expended on him by Willm. Frasier p. Mr. Walker . . . | 4 | 12 | – |
| | | To Cash paid Frasier for seven weeks attendance on him . . p. ditto | 2 | 2 | – |
| March | 9 | To Frasier more for expences p. ditto | 5 | 15 | 8 |
| | 13 | To Sr. John Kirke for 21 weeks Dyet p. ditto | 42 | – | – |
| Aprill | 7 | To Frasier for expences & attendance p. ditto | 6 | 15 | – |
| | 27 | To John Abraham for expences & attendance p. ditto | 3 | 8 | 7 |
| | | To Mrs. Tatnam in part for his Dyet p. ditto | 5 | – | – |
| May | 9 | To John Abraham Expences p. ditto | 1 | 5 | – |
| | | To him more for Expences p. ditto | 1 | 1 | – |
| | | To him for Six weeks attendance at 7*s.* a week p. ditto | 2 | 2 | – |

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[1] A.14/2, fos. 73d.-74a.

Anno Domini 1677[1]

Monsr. Thomas le Clerc & Eustache Prevost Drs.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Novemb. | 26 | To Mr. Walker Cash paid them . . | 10 | – | – |
| Decemb. | 1 | pd. them more p. ditto . . . | 20 | – | – |
| | 17 | pd. Capt. Thompson by their Order . | 5 | 1 | – |
| | | pd. them more p. Mr. Walker . . | 20 | – | – |
| | 20 | pd. to Mr. White by their Order . . | 39 | 15 | 8 |
| Jan. | 2 | pd. them more p. Mr. Walker . . | 5 | – | – |
| | 10 | pd. them more p. ditto . . . | 5 | – | – |
| | 17 | pd. them more p. ditto . . . | 2 | – | – |
| | 25 | pd. them more p. ditto . . . | 194 | 1 | 5 |
| | | | 300 | 18 | 1 |
| | | To Freight of their goods from Hudsons bay to London and their own passage | 41 | – | – |
| | | Customes of their Goods at London & Incident charges . . . . | 13 | 15 | 4 |
| | | | 355 | 13 | 5 |

Anno Domini 1677

Per Contra Crs.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By 750 li. weight of Coat Beaver sold at the rate of 9*s.* 5¼*d.* p. pound . . | 353 | 13 | 11[2] | |
| By Six large drest Moose skins at 6*s.* 7*d.* | 1 | 19 | 6 | |
| | 355 | 12 | 17 | [sic] |

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[1] Abstracted from A.14/3, fos. 263d.-264.

[2] This amount should be £353 18*s.* 1½*d.*

### The Return of the 5th Voyage to Hudsons bay[1]

Sr. Robert Clayton and John Morris Esqr. Debrs. to Beaver & Moose Skins brought home in the *Shaftesbury* Pink & sold by the Candle on the 2d & 31st dayes of January 1676/7 the summ of One thousand nine hundred Seventy two pounds fourteen shillings and one penny vizt.

| | *li.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| paid them by Mr. Thomas Glover | 300 | – | – |
| paid them more p. ditto | 35 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Nicholas Gawthorn | 200 | – | – |
| paid them more p. ditto | 46 | – | – |
| paid them p. Mr. Edward Hinton | 243 | 14 | 6 |
| paid them by Mr. Thomas Byfeild | 257 | 1 | – |
| paid them by Mr. John Reynolds | 79 | 19 | 10 |
| paid them more p. Mr. Edward Hinton | 80 | – | – |
| paid them p. Mr. Henry Durnford | 86 | 4 | 6 |
| paid them by Mr. Richard Gawthorn | 323 | 7 | 9 |
| paid them by Mr. John Reynolds | 197 | 2 | 6 |
| paid them by Mr. Nathanael Gawthorn | 124 | 4 | – |
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[1] Abstracted from A.15/1, fos. 5d.-6. Entered under date April 21, 1677.

Anno Domini 1677[1]

Novemb. 13 The *Shaftesbury* pink arrived in the River of Thames the Sixth Voyage from Hudsons bay.

Mr. William Walker is Cr. By sundry Accompts Four hundred fifty five pounds Six shillings & Two pence vizt.

| | | *li.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | p. William White paid him . . . | 1 | – | – |
| | p. petty Expences porters & Letters . | – | 4 | – |
| 16 | p. Voyage of the *Shaftesbury* paid the Pylot bringing her from the Downes . | 5 | – | – |
| | p. Capt. Thompson paid him on Acct. . | 5 | – | – |
| | p. Mr. White paid his bill to Mr. Watts of Deale . . . . . . | 9 | 18 | 6 |
| 17 | p. petty expences paid a Reckoning at the Vulture . . . . . . | 1 | – | – |
| | p. Acct. of Beaver paid the Entry at the Custom-house . . . . | | 16 | 6 |
| | p. petty expences spent on the two Frenchmen which Mr. Bayly sent from Hudsons bay . . . . . | | 6 | 6 |
| | p. ditto Accompt spent at a meeting wth. some of the Committee . . . | | 5 | 6 |
| | p. Acct. of Beaver &a. paid Customes of the Beaver Moose and otter skins . | 152 | 15 | – |
| 21 | p. William White paid him . . . | – | 10 | – |
| | p. Voyage of the *Shaftesbury* paid waterage and provisions for the men left on board to unlade & unrig . . . . . | – | 9 | 6 |
| | p. ditto Acct. paid porters Boat hire &a . | – | 5 | 5 |
| | p. petty expences boat hire &ca. . . | – | 2 | 6 |
| | p. Acct. of Wages paid Walsall Cobbie Mate . . . . . . . | 25 | 12 | – |
| | Richard Power Second Mate . . | 25 | 18 | – |
| | Carryed over . . . . . . | 229 | 3 | 5 |

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[1] Abstracted from A.15/1, fo. 6-6d.

| | Mr. William Walker is Cr. By sundry | | *li.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Accompts Brought over from the other side | | 229 | 3 | 5 |
| Novemb. 21 | p. Accompt of wages p. Andrew Traversero Boatswn. | | 15 | 7 | 6 |
| | Richard Phineas Carpenter | | 20 | – | 2 |
| | Samuell Hilton Gunner | | 14 | 10 | – |
| | Richard Pearse Chyrurgion | | 21 | 15 | – |
| | John Hixon Cook | | 12 | 5 | – |
| | Alexander Anderson Seaman | | 12 | 9 | 11 |
| | Robert Buchannan | | 12 | 7 | 6 |
| | Isaac Read paid his wages p. his Order to Mr. Wm. White | | 12 | 12 | 11 |
| | Thomas Savage | | 12 | 12 | 3 |
| | Samuell Pearcy | | 12 | 3 | 9 |
| | David Jenkins | | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| | George Cowch | pr. Capt. Thompson these four summs | 9 | 15 | – |
| | Robert Lamley | | 6 | – | 2 |
| | Robert Huggins | | 12 | 1 | 7 |
| | William Moncrief | | 12 | 8 | 9 |
| | James Clark for this Voyage & the last | | 28 | 2 | 4 |
| | | | 455 | 6 | 2 |

[December 20, 1677][1]

Sr. Robert Clayton and John Morris Esqr. Drs. to Beaver Moose & Otter skins brought from Hudsons bay in the *Shaftesbury* pink & sold by the candle at Alderman Bence's house the 18th instant the summ of Four thousand Eight hundred thirty one pounds seventeen shill. & eight pence vizt.

| | *li.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| paid them by Mr. Peter Barr the 18th instant | 300 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Nath. Gawthorn | 22 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Daniel King the 19th | 100 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Edward Hinton | 100 | – | – |
| paid them more p. ditto | 250 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. John Harrison | 100 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Henry Summers | 85 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Henry Wheatly the 20th | 430 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Henry Durnford | 114 | – | – |
| paid them by Mr. Thomas Glover | 1300 | – | – |
| pd. them more by Mr. Edwd. Hinton the 21st | 52 | 7 | – |
| pd. them more by Mr. Daniel King | 18 | 17 | – |
| pd. them more by Mr. Edwd. Hinton | 11 | 9 | – |
| pd. them more by Mr. Peter Bar the 22th | 37 | 7 | 2 |
| pd. them by Mr. Richd. Gawthorn | 400 | – | – |
| pd. them by Mr. Thomas Jordan | 100 | – | – |
| pd. them by Mr. Thomas Glover the 24th | 200 | – | – |
| pd. them by Mr. Peter Colleton | 200 | – | – |
| pd. them more by Mr. Thomas Glover | 200 | – | – |
| pd. them by Mr. Henry Wade the 27th | 277 | 1 | – |
| pd. them by Mark Hildesly Esqr. the 31st | 108 | 4 | – |
| pd. them by Mr. Danll. Allin Jan.2d | 144 | 12 | 6 |
| pd. them by Mr. Thomas Glover the 4th | 227 | – | – |
| pd. them by Mr. Thomas Jordan the 7th | 54 | – | – |
| | 4831 | 17 | 8 |

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[1] Abstracted from A.15/1, fo. 7-7d.

## Anno Domini 1677[1]

### Cargoe for the Voyage 1678 Dr.

1677/8

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 24 | To Cash pd. p. Walker for Tinsell Lace | – | 12 | 8 |
| | | pd. p. ditto for a peece of red Glocester cloth | 8 | 5 | – |
| Febr. | 4 | pd. p. ditto to Fran. Dyke for 60 yards of Kersey | 4 | 10 | – |
| | | pd. carriage & expence about the same | – | 4 | – |
| | | pd. for 288 yards of lace | 2 | 7 | – |
| | 7 | pd. for 288 yards of lace | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 10 | pd. for 6 Ivory Combes | – | 3 | 3 |
| | 14 | pd. for 12 comb-cases wth. Looking glasses | – | 5 | 3 |
| | 16 | pd. Jno. Taylo for 4 red broadwater cloaths | 33 | – | – |
| | | expences about the Same | – | 2 | 4 |
| | 18 | pd. for 144 yards of lace | 1 | 4 | – |
| | | pd. for carriage of cloth | – | 2 | – |
| | 19 | pd. for 144 yards of lace | 1 | 4 | – |
| | 20 | pd. for 3 red & blew Kerseys to Fran. Dyke | 13 | 10 | – |
| | | pd. Mr. Mosely for making Coats & caps | 12 | – | – |
| | 22 | pd. for 2 gross of lace | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 25 | pd. for 2 gross of lace | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 27 | pd. for 1 gross of lace | 1 | 4 | – |
| | | pd. for carriage of cloth & expences | – | 6 | 7 |
| March | 2 | pd. for 2 gross of lace | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 5 | pd. for 2 gross of lace | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 6 | pd. Mr. John Taylo for 4 red cloaths | 33 | – | – |
| | | pd. Mr. White for a comb & Looking glasse | – | 1 | 3 |
| | 7 | pd. for 2 gross of lace | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 8 | pd. for 7 dozn. of powder hornes | | 14 | – |
| | | pd. for 3 dozn. of Ivory combes | 3 | 18 | – |
| | 9 | pd. Mr. Mosely towards making coats & caps | 12 | – | – |
| | | pd. for 6 dozn. of burning glasses | 1 | 13 | – |
| | | pd. for twine | – | 7 | 6 |
| | | pd. for 2 gross of lace | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 13 | Boathire in buying goods | – | 2 | 10 |

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[1] Abstracted from A.14/3, fos. 264d.-265d.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | pd. for 6 dozn. of Small powder horns & 2 great ones . . . . . . | – | 15 | – |
| | 15 | pd. Thomas Worley for 4 gross of Ivory combes . . . . . . . | 15 | 12 | – |
| March | 16 | To Mr. Walker for 3 large Sea chests for the Coats . . . . . . | 1 | 9 | – |
| | 19 | To ditto pd. for carriage of cloth & boathire to buy goods . . . | – | 2 | 6 |
| | | To ditto pd. for 3 gross of lace . . | 3 | 12 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. James Taylo for 4 peeces of broad cloth 167 yards . . . | 33 | – | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for plates & nailes for a chest | – | 3 | 6 |
| | 22 | To ditto pd. Joseph Preston for 4 gross of Looking glasses . . . . . | 12 | 12 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Mr. Wm. Buckler for 30 whole barrells of Gunpowdr. . . | 85 | 10 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for 2 large Trunks to put the Coats in . . . . . . | 2 | – | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for 3 gross of lace . . | 3 | 12 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Francis Mosely for making caps . . . . . . . | 3 | – | – |
| 1678 | | | | | |
| | 25 | To ditto pd. for 1 gross of Tobacco boxes & 3000 needles . . . . . | 3 | 3 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Mr. John Gerard for 78 dozn. of yarn stockings . . . . . | 60 | 2 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Mr. Fran. Dykes for 1 peece of Kersey . . . . . . | 2 | 5 | – |
| | 28 | To ditto pd. for 2 gross of lace . . | 2 | 8 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for 2 large Chests & 1 Small one . . . . . . . . | – | 19 | 6 |
| | 30 | To ditto pd. Wm. Taylor for 8 dozn. of powder hornes . . . . . | – | 16 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for 3 chests wth. locks 2 large & 1 small . . . . . . | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Aprill | 8 | To ditto pd. for 2 gross of lace . . | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 13 | To ditto pd. for 6 sword handles & chapes | – | 18 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for 6 dozn. of hornes . . | – | 12 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Wm. Smith for 6 gross of gilt brass rings . . . . . | 6 | 8 | – |
| | 18 | To ditto pd. Mr. Taylor for 4 cloaths . | 33 | – | – |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | To ditto pd. for a gross & ½ of lace | 1 | 16 | – |
| | 20 | To ditto pd. for 10 dozn. of powder hornes | 1 | – | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Rebeckah Court for 79½ li. of beads | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| | 22 | To ditto pd. for six Cimitars & Scabbards | 1 | 1 | – |
| | 25 | To ditto pd. for 12 dozn. of powder hornes | 1 | 4 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for 16½ li. of beads | – | 18 | 8 |
| May | 2 | To ditto pd. for buckles for Indian belts | – | 4 | – |
| | 3 | To ditto pd. for 72 yards of lace | – | 12 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. for 11 doz. of powder hornes | 1 | 2 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Willm. Thompson for cloth | 8 | 10 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Ald. Townly for 3 rings of brass wire | 4 | 14 | 3 |
| | | To ditto pd. Custome of goods outwards | 6 | 17 | 6 |
| | | To ditto pd. for 12 dozn. of powder hornes | 1 | 4 | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Mr. Mosely for making Coats & caps | 30 | – | – |
| | | To ditto pd. Mr. Frampton for Tobacco in pt. | 20 | – | – |
| May | 9 | pd. Lighters & porters wth. goods to the Custom-house | – | 16 | 2 |
| | | pd. expences at Custom-house | – | 4 | – |
| | | pd. Mr. Taylor for 13 dozn. of powder hornes | 1 | 6 | – |
| | 10 | pd. Mr. Robt. Brook Gunsmith for 100 Gunns & charges | 102 | 8 | 8 |
| | | pd. Robt. Silke Gunsmith for 100 Gunns & 4 chests | 100 | 16 | – |
| | | pd. Matthew Hardman Gunsmith for 50 Gunns 2 chests & 1 pistoll | 50 | 19 | – |
| | 13 | pd. for Threed & packthred | 2 | 16 | 4 |
| | | pd. for Customes Cocquetts & other Expences in 2 Summs | 5 | – | – |
| | | pd. Samll. Debnum for 4 Duffells | 22 | 14 | – |
| | 14 | pd. more Customes & other charges | 6 | 15 | 6 |
| | 15 | pd. for 6 dozn. yards of Small lace | – | 7 | – |
| | | pd. for 26 li. of beads | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| | 16 | pd. Mr. Skipper in part for Kettles | 40 | – | – |
| | | pd. Mr. Frampton for Tobacco | 11 | – | – |
| | 18 | pd. John Taylor for 4 cloaths | 49 | 10 | – |
| | | pd. charges at the Custom-house | – | 10 | – |

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| | | carriage of goods to the water side . . | – | 1 | 6 |
| | | pd. Mr. Mosely in full for making Coats & Caps . . . . . . . | 8 | 7 | – |
| June | 1 | pd. Mich. Hartshorn in part for knives . | 40 | – | – |
| | 5 | pd. Mr. Jno. Gore for Coats & caps . | 17 | – | – |
| | | pd. Mr. Wm. Palmer Gunsmith . . | 140 | 9 | – |
| | | pd. Mr. Thomas Phipps for Calico Shirts | 81 | – | – |
| | | pd. Mr. Joseph Stace Gunsmith . . | 165 | – | – |
| | | pd. Alderman Booth for Tobacco . . | 77 | 1 | – |
| | 17 | pd. for 4 large chests & a large Case for cloth &ca. . . . . . . | 3 | – | – |

## Febr. 27, 1679 [O.S.][1]

Sr. Robert Clayton Knt. Lord Maior of London Treasurer for the Company Dr. to Sundry Accos. — £8802.16. 1 for money received of Severall psons. for Goods sold them by the Candle at a Generall Sale at Mr. John Lettons house in Turnewheele Lane the 3d Instant vizt.

To Beavor for 62 Lotts qt. 12538 Coate Parchmt. & stageskins

| Lotts | | C. qr. li. | s. d. | | | | | | |
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| 1 | To Henry Wheately of Coate Beavor | | | | | | | | |
| | No. 34 qt. | 1.3.17 are suttle li. | 213 at 13. 4 p. li. | £142 | – | – | | | |
| | | | abate prompt paymt. | 1 | 8 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 140 | 11 | 7 |
| 4 | To Henry Durneford of detto | | | | | | | | |
| | No. 19 | 1.3.14 are | 210 at 12. 8 | 133 | – | – | | | |
| | 30 | 1.3.16 | 212 13. – | 137 | 16 | – | | | |
| | 35 | 1.3.11 | 207 13. 4 | 138 | – | – | | | |
| | 38 | 1.2.24 | 192 13. 8 | 131 | 4 | – | | | |
| | | | | 540 | – | – | | | |
| | | | prompt paymt. | 5 | 8 | – | | | |
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| 1 | To Henry Sommers of detto | | | | | | | | |
| | No. 23 | 2.–. 1 | 225 at 121.0 | 144 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| | | | prompt paymt. | 1 | 8 | 10 | | | |
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| 4 | To Edward Hinton of detto | | | | | | | | | | |
| | No. | 7 | 1.3.24 | 220 | 12. 2 | 133 | 16 | 8 | | | |
| | | 27 | 1.3.26 | 222 | 13. – | 144 | 6 | – | | | |
| | | 29 | 1.2.26 | 194 | 13. – | 126 | 2 | – | | | |
| | | 33 | 2.–. 1 | 225 | 13. – | 146 | 5 | – | | | |
| | | | | | | 550 | 9 | 8 | | | |
| | | | | | prompt paymt. | 5 | 10 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 544 | 19 | 7 |
| 8 | To Peter Barr & Perkins of detto | | | | | | | | | | |
| | No. | 4 | 1.3.13 | 209 | 11.10 | 123 | 13 | 2 | | | |
| | | 5 | 1.3.15 | 211 | 12. 2 | 128 | 7 | 2 | | | |
| | Perkins | 6 | 1.3. 9 | 205 | 12. 4 | 126 | 8 | 4 | | | |
| | | 10 | 2.–. 1 | 225 | 12. – | 135 | – | – | | | |
| | | 11 | 1.3.25 | 221 | 12. 2 | 134 | 8 | 10 | | | |
| | | 12 | 2.–. – | 224 | 12. – | 134 | 8 | – | | | |
| | Perkins | 25 | 1.3. 9 | 205 | 12. 8 | 129 | 16 | 8 | | | |
| | | | 1 bundle being the last Lott pd. of Beavor &ca. | | | 5 | 10 | – | | | |
| | | | | | | 917 | 12 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | prompt paymt. | 9 | 3 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 908 | 8 | 8 |
| 1 | To Gerrard Weymans of detto | | | | | | | | | | |
| | No. | 18 | 1.3.16 | 212 | 12. 6 | 132 | 10 | – | | | |
| | | | | | prompt paymt. | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | |
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| 19 | Lotts amo. to nett mo. Card. over | | | | | | | | £2402 | 14 | – |

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[1] Abstracted from A.15/1, fos. 24d.-25d.

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| 19 | Lotts of Beavor brot. over amo. to | | | | | | | £2402 14 – |
| 11 | To Richard Gawthorne detto | | | | | | | |
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| | No. 17 | qt. 1.3.25 | are suttle li. 221 | at 12. 8 p. li. | £139 | 19 | 4 | |
| | 8 | 1.3. 5 | 201 | 12. 6 | 135 | 12 | 6[1] | |
| | 9 | 1.3.17 | 213 | 12. 6 | 133 | 2 | 6 | |
| | 13 | 2.–.12 | 236 | 12. 8 | 149 | 9 | 4 | |
| | 14 | 1.3.17 | 213 | 12. 8 | 134 | 18 | – | |
| | 15 | 1.3.13 | 209 | 12. 4 | 128 | 17 | 8 | |
| | 16 | 1.3.24 | 220 | 12. 8 | 139 | 6 | 8 | |
| | 20 | 1.3.19 | 215 | 12. 8 | 136 | 3 | 4 | |
| | 21 | 1.3.21 | 217 | 12.10 | 139 | 4 | 10 | |
| | 22 | 1.3. 8 | 204 | 12.10 | 130 | 18 | – | |
| | 26 | 1.3. 6 | 202 | 13. – | 131 | 6 | – | |
| 12 | To detto of Parchmt. detto | | | | | | | |
| | No. 1 | 2.1. 1 | 253 | 10. 6 | 132 | 16 | 6 | |
| | 22 | 2.1.15 | 267 | 10. 9 | 143 | 10 | 3 | |
| | 19 | 2.1.11 | 263 | 10. 8 | 140 | 5 | 4 | |
| | 17 | 2.1.12 | 264 | 10. 8 | 140 | 16 | – | |
| | 7 | 2.1. 3 | 255 | 10. 8 | 135 | 16 | –[2] | |
| | 9 | 2.1. 6 | 258 | 10. 7 | 136 | 10 | 6 | |
| | 10 | 2.1. 9 | 261 | 10. 7 | 138 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 12 | 2.1.14 | 266 | 10. 7 | 140 | 15 | 2 | |
| | 4 | 2.1. 9 | 261 | 10. 6 | 137 | – | 6 | |
| | 5 | 2.1. 5 | 257 | 10. 6 | 134 | 18 | 6 | |
| | 8 | 2.1. 7 | 259 | 10. 7 | 137 | 1 | 1 | |
| | 11 | 2.1.13 | 265 | 10. 7 | 140 | 4 | 7 | |
| 2 | To detto of Stage detto | | | | | | | |
| | No. 1 | 2.3. 8 | 316 | 5. – | 79 | – | – | |
| | 2 | 2.3.13 | 321 | 6. 4 | 101 | 13 | – | |
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| | | | | prompt paymt. | 33 | 5 | 6 | |
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| 3 | To Thomas Byfeild of Coate detto | | | | | |
| | No. 28 | 1.3.17 | 213 | 12.10 | 136 13 6 | |
| | 31 | 1.3.13 | 209 | 13. – | 135 17 – | |
| | 32 | 1.3.10 | 206 | 13. 2 | 135 12 4 | |
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| | | | | abate prompt payment | 4 1 8 | |
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| 3 | To John Rolfe of Parchmt. detto | | | | | |
| | No. 21 | 2.1.11 | 263 | 10. 9 | 141 7 3 | |
| | 18 | 2.1. 6 | 258 | 10. 8 | 137 12 – | |
| | 2 | 2.1.11 | 263 | 10.10 | 142 9 2 | |
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| | | | | abate prompt paymt. | 4 4 3 | |
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| 3 | To Thomas Byfeild assigned him p. Robt. woolley Parchmt. detto | | | | | |
| | No. 14 | 2.1. 8 | | | | |
| | 16 | 2.1.14 | | | | |
| | 15 | 2.1.10 | | | | |
| | | 7.–. 4 | 788 | 10. 7 | 416 19 8 | |
| | | | | prompt paymt. | 4 3 5 | |
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| 53 | Lotts amo. to nett mo. Card. over | | | | | £6930 17 11 |

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[1] This amount should be £125 12*s.* 6*d.*

[2] This amount should be £136.

[3] This total is correct if the first error of £10 (see note 1) is taken into consideration.

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| 53 | Lotts brot. over amo. to | | | | | | £6930 17 11 |
| 1 | To Roger Arkinstall Coate detto | | | | | | |
| | | C.qr. li. | | *s.* *d.* | | | |
| | No. 1 qt. 2.–.16 are suttle li. 240 at 11. 8 p. li. | | | | | 140 – – | |
| | | | | | prompt paymt. | 1 8 – | |
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| 1 | To John Lawrence Coate detto | | | | | | |
| | No. 24 | 1.3.23 | 219 | 12. 8 | | 138 14 – | |
| | | | | | prompt paymt. | 1 7 9 | |
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| 1 | To detto of detto | | | | | | |
| | No. 36 | 1.2.27 | 195 | 13. 6 | £131.12.6 | | |
| | | | abate prompt paymt. | | 1. 6.4 | | |
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| 1 | To Mathew Berrisford of Parchmt. detto | | | | | | |
| | No. 6 | 2.1.11 | 263 | 10. 8 | | 140 5 4 | |
| | | | | | prompt paymt. | 1 8 1 | |
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| 3 | To Peter Renew of Coate detto | | | | | | |
| | No. 2 | 1.2.18 | | | | | |
| | 3 | 1.3.25 | | | | | |
| | | 3.2.15 | 407 | 12. – | | 244 4 – | |
| | 37 | 1.3. 8 | 204 | 13. 6 | | 137 14 – | |
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| 1 | To Sr. Robert Vyner p. Assigmt. of Wm. Perkins of Parchmt. detto | | | | | |
| | No. 3 2.1.13 | 265 | 10.10 | | 143 10 10 | |
| | prompt paymt. | | | | 1 8 9 | |
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| 1 | To Wade of detto | | | | | |
| | No. 20 2.1. 4 | 256 | 10. 8 | | 136 10 8 | |
| | prompt paymt. | | | | 1 7 4 | |
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| 62 | Lotts vizt. | | | | | |
| 38 | Lotts qt. 7600 Coate Beavor skins amo. to nett as p. perticulars preceeding | | | | £5059 11 7 | |
| 21 | qt. 4284 Parchmt. detto as p. detti | | | | 2887 8 – | |
| 2 | 654 Stage detti as p. detti | | | | 178 17 – | |
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| | To Martin skins for 2 Lotts qt. 1125 skins | | | | | |
| 1 | To David Heywood | | | | | |
| | No. 1 qt. 600 | | | | | |
| | 2 wanting in Tale | | | | | |
| | 598 at 4/- p. skin | | | £119.12. – | | |
| | abate prompt paymt. | | | 1. 4. – | | |
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| 1 | To Roger Arkinstall | | | | | |
| | No. 29 qt. 527 at 4/- p. skin | | | 105. 8. – | | |
| | prompt paymt. | | | 1. 1. 1 | | |
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| 64 | Lotts carryed over amo. to nett mo. | | | | | £8354 1 6 |

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| 64 | Lotts brot. over amo. to | | | £8354 1 6 |
| | To Elke Hides for 3 Lotts qt. 507 Raw & Parchmt. | | | |
| 1 | To John Davall for 147 Raw detti | | | |
| | C. suttle li. | | | |
| | No. 2 qt. 24.2.2 are 2746 at 9*d.* p. li. | £102.19. 6 | | |
| | prompt paymt. | 1. –. 7 | £101 18 11 | |
| 2 | To Henry Wade 215 Parchmt. & 145 Raw detti | | | |
| | suttle li. | | | |
| | No. 1 qt. 215 qt. 16.1.20 are 1840 at 10¾*d.* | £82. 8. 4 | | |
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| | prompt paymt. | 1.17. 2 | 183 17 – | 285 15 11 |
| | To Drest Elk Hides p. 2 Lotts qt. 500 hides | | | |
| 1 | To Simon King p. Assignmt. of William Perkins | | | |
| | No. 2 qt. 250 at 7/2*d.* p. hide | £89.11. 8 | | |
| | prompt paymt. | –.18. – | £88 13 8 | |

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| 1 | To Elias Heath | | | |
| | No. 1 250 at 6/- p. hide | £75. –. – | | |
| | prompt paymt. | –.15. – | | |
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| 69 | Lotts amo. to nett mo. | | | £8802 16 1 |
| | Mem. Richard Gawthorne is to pay Sr. Robt. Clayton £1. 8. 3 to compleate the said summe. | | | |
| | Henry Meese Dr. to Beavor for 1 Lott qt. 204 skins Parchmt. detto he bought at the said Generall sale the 3d Instant vizt. | | | |
| | | *s. d.* | | |
| | No. 13 qt. 2.1.11 are suttle li. 263 at | 10. 9 | | £141 7 3 |
| | Thomas Jordan Dr. to Otter skins for bought the 3 instant at detto sale vizt. | | | |
| | *s. d.*<br>160 skins at 8. 3 p. skin | | | |
| | dico Sr. Robt. Clayton Dr. to Otter skins for received of Jordan in full | | | 65 7 – |

# APPENDIX C

## BIOGRAPHICAL

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## Biographical

*Berkeley, George, first Earl of Berkeley and Viscount Dursley, ninth Baron of Berkeley (since the writ of 1421) and fourteenth (since that of 1295)*

George Berkeley, born in 1628, was the younger son of George, eighth or thirteenth Baron Berkeley and Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir Michael Stanhope of Sudborn, Suffolk. His elder brother, Charles, was drowned in 1641. George Berkeley was a canon-commoner at Christ Church, Oxford, but did not take a degree. He was Member of Parliament for Gloucestershire in 1654 and 1656, and on his father's death in 1658 succeeded to the barony. In May, 1660, he was nominated one of the commissioners deputed by the House of Commons to go to Breda to invite King Charles II to return to England, and during the years which followed the Restoration he was appointed to several public offices including the Council for Foreign Plantations (1661), and the Board of Trade and Plantations (1679). Berkeley became one of the members of the Royal African Company on its formation in 1663, and in the same year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. In 1678 he was made a Privy Councillor, and on September 11 of the following year he was created Viscount Dursley and Earl of Berkeley. In 1680 he became Governor of the Levant Company and in May, 1681, was elected Master of Trinity House. He was also a Member of the East India Company at this time. Berkeley was appointed Custos Rotulorum for Gloucestershire in February, 1685, and in the following July he again became a Privy Councillor. After the flight of King James II on December 11, 1688, Berkeley was one of the lords who constituted themselves a provisional government until the arrival of William of Orange. He died on October 14, 1698, and was buried in the parish church of Cranford, Middlesex. Berkeley married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of John Massingberd, treasurer of the East India Company, in 1646; by her he had two sons and six daughters. There is a portrait of Berkeley at Sion College, London, the institute to which he presented the library of his uncle, Sir Robert Coke, son of the well-known Chief Justice Sir Edward Coke. Berkeley, who was associated in 1676 with the Duke of York, Sir Joseph Williamson, Sir John Bankes, Samuel Pepys and others in an adventure to find a Northwest Passage (see Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 99), first became a stockholder in the Hudson's Bay

Company on December 27, 1680, when he acquired £200 worth from Sir James Hayes. He held varying amounts of stock, but never more than £500, until May 7, 1685, when he assigned his remaining £100 to John, Lord Churchill. Casual references to Berkeley are to be found in the diaries of Pepys and Evelyn, and an account of his career is given in the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

*Boyle, The Hon. Robert*

The Hon. Robert Boyle, " uncle of the Earl of Cork and the father of chemistry ", son of the first Earl of Cork, was born in Ireland in 1627. From the time of its first meetings in London in 1645 he was a member of the " Invisible College ", incorporated after the Restoration as the Royal Society ; in spite of his youth he soon became the acknowledged leader of the Society. Boyle was thus in touch with those original adventurers of the Hudson's Bay Company who were Fellows of the Royal Society, but he himself did not join the Company until March, 1675. His close associate, Sir Christopher Wren (q.v.) was not to follow his example until 1679. Unlike Wren, Boyle took no active part in the Company's affairs. In 1676 a note was made in Boyle's account in the ledger (A.14/1, fo. 64d.) to the effect that " He was left at liberty to adventure one or two hundred pounds & has now declared that he will adventure no more then what he has already paid in. So that his Share in the Stock & Adventure is but One hundred pounds ". This amount of £100 stock was transferred to John Hamline of London, gentleman, on December 22, 1684, but Boyle again became an adventurer when Hamline disposed of half his holding (£50) on September 17, 1685. When the Company's stock was trebled in September, 1690, Boyle's holding was thus increased to £150 (A.43/2, fo. 2), and of this amount he transferred £100 worth to Edmond Doughty on October 20, 1691. He still held the remaining £50 worth at the time of his death on January 1, 1692. See *D.N.B.*

*Bradley, John*

John Bradley of the City of Westminster, gentleman, acquired £200 stock in the Hudson's Bay Company from William Walker, citizen and goldsmith of London, on September 26, 1679. A further £100 was acquired by " John Bradley of Whitehall Gent." from Nicholas Hayward on January 26, 1683, and on February 28 of the following year £100 transferred from John Hayes's account was added to Bradley's account, making a total holding of £400. This amount was held by Bradley until

December 13, 1684, when he assigned £200 of it to Sir John Huband, baronet. On August 28, 1688, a further £100 stock was transferred by Bradley, then of St. Martin's in the Fields, Middlesex, to Samuel Cudworth of London, merchant. The remaining £100 was assigned by Bradley, " now of Petty France in the Citty of Westminster Gent." to Edmond Holme of London, merchant, on December 9, 1689.

*Clayton, Sir Robert*

Sir Robert Clayton was born at Bulwick, Northamptonshire, on September 29, 1629, and was one of several children of a small farmer and " carpenter or joyner, a poor man of no family " who spelt his name indifferently as " Clayton " or " Cleeton ". Robert's earliest known signature is as a witness to a document dated 1648 in the Loseley Mss. (*Historical Manuscripts Commission*, 7th Report, p. 678) and his name is then spelt as " Cleton ", but forty years later, in the Book of Assignments of Stock (A.43/1) in the Hudson's Bay Company's archives, his signature reads " Robt. Clayton ". In early life Clayton was apprenticed to his uncle, Robert Abbot, a London scrivener, and the inheritance of that uncle's wealth and the profits of his own exertions as a scrivener and a moneylender caused John Evelyn (*Diary*, November 18, 1679) to remark that " Clayton . . . became after his uncle Abbot's death so prodigiously rich and opulent, that he was reckoned one of the wealthiest citizens ". Evelyn added that Clayton was disliked as he was believed to be guilty of hard dealing, especially in his affairs with the Duke of Buckingham, most of whose estate " he had swallowed ". But Evelyn " never saw any ill by him, considering the trade he was of ". Clayton was further enriched by his fellow-apprentice and partner, Alderman John Morris, who, dying in 1682 without issue, left his estates to his partner. One proof of his great wealth is that he was able to lend William of Orange £30,000 in 1697 with which to pay off his troops. Clayton was a member of the Scriveners' and Drapers' Companies and his wealth enabled him to take an influential part in the councils of the Corporation of London. He was Alderman of Cordwainer Ward from 1670-76 and of Cheap Ward from 1676 until he was turned out when the City's charter was withdrawn in 1683. When the charter was restored in 1688 Clayton was re-instated only to resign immediately, but in October of the following year he again became Alderman of Cheap Ward and held office until his death in 1707. In 1671 he served as Sheriff of the City of London and in October of that year he was knighted at Guildhall. Clayton was elected Lord Mayor for 1679-80 and a description of the costly pageants performed at his expense at the time of his initiation and installation is to be found in Thomas Jordan's tract, *London in Luster*. Clayton, who was one of the chief partizans of the Protestant or Whig interest, was a Member of Parliament for the City of London in 1678-79, 1679, 1680-81, 1689, 1695-98, 1701, 1701-02 and 1705-07, and for the Borough of Bletchingley in Surrey, where he had an estate, in 1690-95, 1698-1700 and from 1702-05. He was one of the deputation sent by the Common Council to welcome William of Orange in December, 1688, and as a reward for his support of Whig interests was given a place on the Board of Customs from 1689 to 1697. Besides being a director of the Bank of England, Clayton was Governor of the Irish Society (1692-1706), Vice-president of the London Workhouse (1680), President of St. Thomas's Hospital (1692), and a member of the governing body of Christ's Hospital, where a mathematical school was opened under a royal charter at his suggestion in 1673. The southern front of the Hospital which had been injured in the Great Fire of 1666 was rebuilt at a cost of £10,000 by Clayton in gratitude for his recovery from a dangerous illness in 1675, and he also made generous donations towards the re-building costs of St. Thomas's Hospital. A full-length marble statue of Clayton by Grinling Gibbons was first erected in 1701 and now stands on the terrace by Block 4 of the Hospital, overlooking the Thames. This statue, which Clayton directed in his will should be preserved from any " spoyle or hurt save only by time ", escaped unscathed, but his portrait was destroyed when a large part of the Hospital was devastated by enemy action in 1941. A fine full-length portrait painted by Jonathan Richardson hangs over the fireplace in the Court Dining Room of the Drapers' Company and this company also owns an engraving showing head and shoulders. Clayton married Martha, daughter and heiress of Alderman Perient Trott, a London merchant, and their only child, a son, died when an infant. Evelyn described Clayton's wife, who died on December 25, 1705, as " a free-hearted woman who became his hospitable disposition " (November 18, 1679) and as " very curious in distillery " (October 12, 1667). Clayton died on July 16, 1707, and both husband and wife were buried beneath a huge post-renaissance marble monument which blocks the whole East end of the South chapel in St. Mary's, Bletchingley, Surrey. His estates, including a house " built indeed for a greate magistrate, at excessive cost " (Evelyn, *Diary*, September 26, 1672), in Old Jewry, London, on purpose to keep his shrievalty, passed to his nephew, William Clayton. Sir Robert's connection with the Hudson's Bay Company began in December, 1675, when he and his partner, John Morris, received certain monies and made disbursements on their behalf. (A.14/2, fos. 69d.-70.) The partners made their first loan, amounting to £500, to the adventurers " upon the Credit of their Common Seale " on June 13, 1676, and Clayton became a member of the Company on February 19, 1678, when he bought £300 stock from William Walker. A further amount of £300 was bought from Sir George Carteret on March 12, and another £100 worth was acquired from him on May 4. The total holding of £700 was kept intact until November 5, 1684, when £300 worth was sold to John Wise. A further £100 was sold to John Stanyan on February 5, 1685, and £200 was assigned to Samuel Ongley on September 28, 1687. The remaining £100 worth was bought by James Smyth on May 1, 1688. The record of Clayton's election as treasurer of the Company will be found on p. 1, and from the minutes of November 25, 1680 (p. 96), and January 20 and 26, 1681 (pp. 101, 102), it would appear that he was not re-elected for another year on account of his unaccommodating attitude to the adventurers regarding an outstanding loan. See *D. N. B.*

### *Cobbie, Walsall*

The date of Walsall Cobbie's entry into the service of the Hudson's Bay Company is not known, but at least as early as November, 1676, he received £17 5*s.* 0*d.* for wages as a carpenter. In November of the following year he was credited with £25 12*s.* 0*d.* for wages as mate of the *Shaftesbury* pink, which had just arrived in the Thames from Hudson Bay, and he was again chief mate in that ship when she was lost off the Scilly Islands on her way home at the end of 1678. Cobbie was next appointed mate of the *John and Alexander*, the fireship borrowed by the adventurers from the King, and apparently his wages at this time amounted to £5 per month (A.15/1, fo. 31d.). On January 28, 1680, the Committee agreed that he should be appointed captain of the *Colleton* yacht at £50 per annum plus £10 with which to buy an outfit, and by February 7 following he had received the vessel into his care. Cobbie was to have command of the *Colleton* for " two years absolute " in Hudson Bay or until he should be recalled. He was also appointed a member of Governor Nixon's council in Hudson Bay and sailed from Gravesend " with a faire wind " at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 1680. He took with him instructions to bear himself " very respectively " to Captain Greenway of the *Prudent Mary* with whom he had had " some unlucky differences ", and a recommendation to Nixon from the Committee that he was " a man for whome " they had " great Esteeme both for his integrity & abillity ". He remained in Hudson Bay for two years and returned in 1682 as a passenger in the *Diligence* " because of the death of his wife " and so that he might " look after his childerine, and his goods ". Although Governor Nixon considered Cobbie " most fit " for the Company's service it does not appear that he was again employed. The Company's records mention his wife, his mother Elizabeth Cobbie, and his sister Diana Hall.

### *Cradock, Richard*

Richard Cradock of London, merchant, as he is described in the Book of Assignments, A.43/1, first acquired stock in the Hudson's Bay Company on October 30, 1679, when he bought £200 worth from John Hoskins, Esq., of the Inner Temple. Cradock held varying amounts of stock until February 21, 1691, when he sold his remaining holding of £180 to Samuel Lethieluer of London, merchant. He was elected a Committee Member in November of 1679, 1680, 1681 and 1683. In April, 1685, he was elected to replace John Wise, deceased, on the Committee, and he was again elected at the General Courts held in November of 1686 and 1687. From February 20 to November, 1689, he again filled a vacancy on the Committee.

### *Cudworth, John*

John Cudworth was probably a son of the John Cudworth who was master of the Girdlers' Company in 1668, and who died in 1675. The stockholder, John Cudworth, is described in the Book of Assignments, A.43/1, as a merchant of London. He first acquired stock in the Hudson's Bay Company on April 29, 1680, when he bought Sir Richard Munden's holding of £50 and James Buck's holding of £150. Cudworth was elected a Committee Member in November, 1681, and served for one year. He held varying amounts of stock until April 19, 1683, when he assigned his remaining £150 worth to Francis Tyssen, junior. Cudworth, now described as " John Cudworth Esqr.", bought the remaining £400 worth of Nicholas Hayward's stock on September 17, 1691, and on October 12 following he assigned the whole amount to Nathaniel Molyneux.

### *Draper, Thomas*

The exact date of Thomas Draper's entry into the service of the adventurers is not known, but it was at least as early as 1670, for he was referred to in the records as " Late boatswaine of the *Wivenhoe* " (*H.B.S.*, V, 74), and as having given the Committee an account of Port Nelson (A.6/1, fo. 5d). Draper would certainly have been at that place as boatswain of the *Wivenhoe* in 1670, and it is possible that he was also boatswain in the preceding year. Although he was given command of the *Messenger* on March 26, 1674 (*H.B.S.*, V, 74, 93), he did not sail in her. Before leaving for the 1674 voyage in command of Captain Shepard, the *Messenger* was changed from a dogger to a pink and renamed, and the sums of £20 which Draper received on May 19 and 28, 1674, " for his service in fitting out the *Shaftesbury* Pinke &ca." (A.14/1, fo. 154d.) were doubtless in connection with this work. He was apparently not employed again until 1676, when he was chief mate in the *Shaftesbury* which made the voyage to and from Hudson Bay in that season. Draper again disappeared from the Company's records until March 3, 1680, when the Committee appointed him at £50 per annum plus £10 for an outfit (p. 45) to " Command a small Vessell . . . and to Sayle her into the Country and to Command her there till he shall be recalled . . . or shall desire to returne ". The vessel chosen was the newly-built *Albemarle* frigate of forty tons burden (p. 46), which broke ground at Gravesend " with a faire wind " about 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 1680, in company with the *Prudent Mary* and the *Colleton* and, for fear of Barbary pirates, sailed by way of Scotland for Hudson Bay (p. 80). Draper was appointed a member of Governor Nixon's council and instructed to sail for New Severn, to " seek out the most convenient place to build a House and settle a Factory there . . ." (A.6/1, fo. 7d.). On August 19, 1680, his account was credited with £10 for " Secret Service 24th Aprill last ", the exact nature of which is not known, but it was possibly in connection with either French or English interlopers in Hudson Bay. Cf. p. xxxv. Nothing is so far known of Draper's activities in Hudson Bay during 1680-81. He brought the *Albemarle* home, arriving in October, 1681, and his account was credited with wages from June 2, 1680 to October 24, 1681 (A.15/2, fo. 7d.). In their letter to Governor Nixon of May 15, 1682, the Governor and Committee reprimanded him for being more concerned about his own authority than for the loss of the beaver when the *Prudent Mary* was wrecked on Tetherley's Island in the previous year, and added: " wee looked upon Capt. Draper, who it seems was your cheife Councell in that and other matters to bee Soe ill a man, that wee Shall never thinke him worth our imployment any more " (A.6/1, fo. 16d.).

### *Hayward, Nicholas*

Nicholas Hayward of London, described in the Hudson's Bay Company's Book of Assignments (A.43/1, fos. 8d. and 59d.) as a gentleman and notary public, was the son of a merchant in London. He first acquired stock in the Hudson's Bay Company on March 16, 1677, when he bought William Pretyman's entire holding of £300. He held varying amounts of stock during the time he was an adventurer, and finally disposed of the remaining £400 worth of his holding to John Cudworth on September 17, 1691. Hayward was elected a Committee Member in November of 1681, 1683, 1685, and in the four following years. Besides being a practising notary public on the Virginia walk of the Royal Exchange and having interests in Hudson Bay, Hayward was actively concerned with colonisation in Virginia, where he had acquired an estate on the Potomac in Stafford County in 1685. He did not settle there, but in association with his sister's husband, Richard Foote, who was then carrying on the business of the first Nicholas Hayward, and Robert Bristowe, he worked out plans for colonising the plantation mainly with Huguenots who had left France on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. A condensed account of his activities and references to his brother, Samuel, will be found in Fairfax Harrison's *Landmarks of Old Prince William* (Richmond, Va., 1924), 2 vols, and in *Prince William. The Story of its People and its Places* (United States of America, Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration in the State of Virginia, 1941).

### *Letten, John*

John Letten was described in the records of the Hudson's Bay Company as a merchant of London, and in the *Little London Directory* of 1677 his address was given as " Turn-wheel-lane ", a locality which disappeared with the building of Cannon Street Station during the middle years of the last century. He first became associated with the Hudson's Bay Company on September 3, 1679, when he acquired £100 stock from John Bence. He increased his holding from time to time, and between 1681 and 1684 held £1,000 stock. He was elected a Committee Member in November of each year from 1679 to 1684 inclusive, and served again from November, 1686, until his death early in 1688. His will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on December 24, 1688, his executor being his widow, Susanna. He apparently left two sons, Richard and John, who were also merchants of London. Very little is known of Letten's activities but it would appear that in July, 1687, whilst the City of London's charter was still forfeit, he was appointed an Alderman of Queenhithe Ward by Royal commission. But apparently he did not take his seat for he was sworn in and discharged in the same month and fined £520.

### *Meese, Henry*

According to Fairfax Harrison's *Landmarks of Old Prince William* (Richmond, Va., 1924), I, 110, Henry Meese established himself on the Potomac Creek in 1665 and at once became Lieutenant of Stafford County. He was sworn of the Council after Nathaniel Bacon's rebellion of 1676, but soon after returned to England, and when he acquired his Hudson's Bay stock (£200) on November 20, 1679, he was described in the Company's books as " Henry Meese of London merchant ". In the minutes he is referred to as " Colonel " Meese, and from the entries for March 2 and April 26, 1681, his connection with the tobacco trade of Virginia is made apparent. He was elected a Committee Member in November, 1679, and again in the following year. He assigned his total holding to Robert Hudson on October 11, 1681, and died some time before July 24 of the following year, when certain outstanding monies due to him were paid to his widow, Ann Meese. She was apparently still living in 1692, when she was making claim to the " Overwharton Plantation " in Stafford County, Virginia.

### *Munden, Sir Richard*

Sir Richard Munden was the elder son of Sir Richard Munden (1602-72) of Chelsea, Middlesex, and was born in 1640. He became a captain in the navy, and when commodore of a small squadron sent as convoy to the East India fleet, he captured St. Helena from the Dutch on May 4, 1673, and seized three richly laden Dutch East Indiamen. He arrived in England with his squadron and prizes and the homeward bound ships in convoy in the following August, and on December 6 was knighted by the King " in consideration of his eminent service ". After three years spent mostly at stations in the Mediterranean he returned to England in May, 1680, and on June 25 following he died and was buried in the church of St. Leonard, at Bromley, Middlesex. Munden married Susan Gore, by whom he had five daughters and a son born posthumously. (See *D.N.B.)* Munden first acquired stock in the Hudson's Bay Company on September 17, 1675, when he bought £200 worth from Sir James Hayes, who bought back £150 worth on July 25,

1679. The interest in the remaining £50 was held by James Buck, who consented to the sale of the stock by Munden's attorney, William Gore of London, to John Cudworth on April 29, 1680.

*Phipps, Thomas (senior)*

Thomas Phipps was described in the Company's books as a citizen and draper of London, or as a citizen and mercer of London. His connection with the Hudson's Bay Company began on March 18, 1678, when he bought £300 stock from Sir James Hayes. Four days later he acquired a further £300 from Nicholas Hayward. By March 19, 1679, he had disposed of £400 of his stock, and had but the minimum holding of £200 necessary for qualification when he was elected a Committee Member in November of that year. From the minutes of June 4, 9 and 30, 1680, it will be seen that letters written by Phipps to Hudson Bay were intercepted at Gravesend by John Letten and Richard Cradock, and that being found " Obnoxiouse to just excepcion ", Phipps was expelled from the Committee and forbidden to sell his stock without permission from a General Court. He was eventually allowed to transfer his holding to John Tyssen, senior, on November 3, 1680 (A.43/1, fo. 22d.), and confirmation of the transaction was recorded in the minutes of November 10 following. The incriminating letters have not been preserved in the Company's archives, and the only indication of their contents is to be found in a letter from the Governor and Committee to John Nixon dated July 24, 1682. This letter explained to Nixon that an interloping expedition had recently sailed for Hudson Bay and that Thomas Phipps was suspected of being " the principall Contriver ", and recalled the letters " of his owne hand writeing which were intercepted at Graves-End " and which were designed " to move his Kindsman Thomas Phipps, who was then [1680] and now [1682] is Our Warehouse Keeper to Mutinous & indecent behaviour towards the Compa." Phipps again became an adventurer on December 20, 1686, when he bought £300 stock from John Humfrey, but by May 27, 1687, he had disposed of his holding in three instalments. On June 16, 1692, " Thomas Phipps of London Linen Draper & Daniell Kingston of Waping Brazier " bought £200 stock from James Knight and held this amount until January 8, 1698, when they re-sold it to Knight.

*Power, Richard*

Richard Power or Powers entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company during the early years of incorporation. On February 6, 1674, he was credited with £18 8*s.* 3*d.* for wages covering an unspecified period (A.14/1, fo. 154d.), and on February 26 following the Committee made arrangements " to bayle him & mannage the Suite on his behalfe " if he should be arrested " at the Suite of [James] Tatnam concerneing beaver Skins brought home this Voyage ". On November 20, 1676, Power, as mate of the *Prince Rupert*, was credited with £22 4*s.* 0*d.* for wages, and one year later he was recorded as being second mate of the *Shaftesbury* pink which had just returned from the sixth voyage to Hudson Bay. In 1678 he was appointed to the command of the *Prince Rupert*, and in May of that year he left for Hudson Bay, where he was employed until 1681. During his last year in Hudson Bay he served on Governor Nixon's council. He returned to England of his own accord, arriving in command of the *Prince Rupert* in October, 1681. Within a short time, he had died of smallpox. His will, which has not yet (1945) been returned to Somerset House from its war-time home, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on November 11, 1681. Power's account was credited with £239 14*s.* 10*d.* for wages " at home & abroad " from May 21, 1678, to October 25, 1681.

### *Thompson, Joseph*

Joseph Thompson entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company on March 12, 1674, when he was engaged " to goe mate with Captain Draper at five poundes a moneth ". Draper had been appointed to command the *Messenger* dogger, lately turned into the *Shaftesbury* pink, but at the last moment the command was given to Captain Shepard and Thompson appears to have been mate to him on the 1674 voyage. During Thompson's absence a sum of £4 16*s.* 8*d.* representing " half pay due to him from the 12th march to the 10th may followeing ", and further sum of £2 11*s.* 0*d.* " for expences & dyett for 8 weeks & 3 dayes ", were paid to his wife. The *Shaftesbury* returned to England in 1675, and early in 1676 Thompson seems to have taken over the duties of chief mate in the *Prince Rupert* for two months. He was next appointed to the command of the *Shaftesbury*, and as a token of appreciation for completing the 1676 voyage to and from Hudson Bay in six months he was presented with " a Medall & Chayne " (A.14/3, fo. 66d.) by the Governor and Committee. His cargo was sold by auction in January, 1677, and realised £1,972 (A.15/1, fos. 5d.-6). His journal for the 1676 voyage was included in Prince Rupert's library in 1677 (British Museum, Royal Mss., CXIX, 23). On his return from the voyage of 1676 Thompson was summoned to appear before the Lords of the

Admiralty for wearing the " King's jack " (Union Jack), but on Prince Rupert answering on his behalf that it was an error due to ignorance and promising to ensure the " avoiding the like for the future " (Tanner, *Catalogue of Naval Manuscripts*, III, IV), he was pardoned. Thompson made another expeditious voyage in command of the *Shaftesbury* in 1677, and the cargo he brought home was sold on December 18, 1677, for £4,831 (A.15/1, fo. 7-7d.). In 1678 Thompson was once again appointed to command the *Shaftesbury*, and it appears that the voyage was again made in one season, but for reasons not known the vessel called at Kinsale, County Cork, on the homeward journey. On December 18, 1678, a premium of £65 was paid for insurance on the *Shaftesbury* from Kinsale to London, and the amount due from the underwriters when the vessel was wrecked off the Scilly Islands was £2,252. The part Thompson played at this time is obscure. There is a debit item in his account in A.14/3, fo. 69d. dated January 22, 1679, " To yor. bill from Ireland " £20, and another on March 13 following, " To more pd. the Baylyes for Aresting you " £4 10*s*. 0*d*. On December 3, 1679, Thompson assigned his holding of £50 stock to the Company " in part satisfaction of the Debt he owes the Company upon Bond " (see p. 9), and according to A.1/2, fo. 115d. this bond was for £1,000. The £50 stock was originally acquired by Thompson from William White on March 21, 1678.

### *Weymans, Gerrard*

Gerrard Weymans of London, merchant, acquired his first holding of £200 stock in the Hudson's Bay Company from John Hoskins of the Inner Temple on December 4, 1677. This amount was transferred to Richard Cradock on January 12, 1680, but three days later Weymans acquired £100 stock from Thomas Leman of London, scrivener, and a further £100 from Marmaduke Williams of Gray's Inn. Weymans bought another £100 stock from Christopher Yates on May 22, 1683, and his total holding of £300 was kept intact until December 7, 1683, when he resold £100 stock to Yates. Weymans continued to hold £200 stock until December 20, 1686, when he disposed of £100 worth to William Ivett of London, merchant, and on January 19 following he assigned his remaining £100 to Samuel Ongley, citizen and merchant taylor of London. Weymans was elected a Committee Member at the General Courts held in November of 1679 to 1684 inclusive. At the Committee Meeting held on May 12, 1684, when Pierre Esprit Radisson was " received againe into faviour ", Weymans was the only dissentient voice amongst the eight members present. See *H.B.S.*, V, 247-8. Weymans appears as a merchant of Thames Street in *The Little London Directory of 1677.*

### *Wren, Sir Christopher*

Christopher Wren was born on October 20, 1632, at East Knoyle, near Tisbury, Wiltshire, where his father, Christopher Wren (1591-1658), a well-known clergyman of his day, had become rector in 1623. His mother, Mary, daughter of Robert Cox of Fonthill Abbey, died when he was very young. Wren was first educated by a private tutor, and then, at the age of nine, became a pupil at Westminster School, where he remained until 1646. He had from the age of eleven received instruction from his uncle, William Holder, the mathematician, and it was in natural science and mathematics that he was chiefly interested. After leaving Westminster School and before going up to Oxford, Wren acted as assistant to Dr. (afterwards Sir Charles) Scarburgh, demonstrating and making various experiments and anatomical preparations for lectures on anatomy at Surgeons' Hall. He also translated into Latin William Oughtred's work on geometrical dialling. Wren entered Wadham College, Oxford, as a fellow-commoner on June 25, 1649 or 1650, and graduated on March 18, 1651. He joined a society of philosophical inquirers and between the years 1646 and 1660 conducted many valuable experiments with them. Shortly before taking his M.A. on December 14, 1653, he was elected fellow of All Souls' College, where he resided until 1657 occupied in scientific study and experiment. He then took the Chair of Astronomy at Gresham College, London, where his rooms soon became a meeting place of the subsequent founders of the Royal Society. Wren was himself one of the foundation members of the Society and was elected President in 1681. On his election as Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford on February 5, 1661, he resigned his chair at Gresham College and his fellowship at All Souls', but before giving up the Savilian professorship on March 9, 1673, he had already largely abandoned science for architecture. He had graduated D.C.L. at Oxford and LL.D. at Cambridge in 1661. Had Wren not practised architecture he would, without doubt, have been the foremost scientist of his day, but it is as the architect of many notable buildings in various parts of England that he became most famous. His first professional engagement in architecture was the acceptance in 1661 of King Charles II's invitation to act practically as Surveyor-General to His Majesty's works, though nominally assistant to Sir John Denham. The earliest original works for which Wren was responsible were the chapel of Pembroke College, Cambridge (1663-65), and the Sheldonian Theatre at Oxford (1663-69). The exterior of the former building shows signs of the beginner to the architectural profession, but it must be remembered that there were few facilities in England for studying classical architecture at this time and so far as we know, Wren's studies abroad were limited to a six months' stay in Paris in 1665, when the plague had practically brought life to a standstill in London and other parts of the country. His great opportunity came after the Great Fire of London on September 2-8, 1666, and within a very few years he was able to express himself correctly in the classical style. As virtual Surveyor-General Wren felt a duty to prepare a scheme for the rebuilding of London, but the public spirit was such that it would not accept the sacrifices necessary to carry out what would have been a magnificent plan. Instead his energies were directed to the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral, more than fifty parish churches, thirty-six of the Livery Companies' halls, the Custom House, and several private houses and provincial works. He showed his public spirit in the small remuneration which he asked: for the Cathedral and the parish churches his stipend was a modest £300, and his work at Greenwich Hospital was contributed gratuitously. Immediately after the Fire Wren was appointed to the specially created office of " surveyor-general and principal architect for rebuilding the whole city; the cathedral church of St. Paul; all the parochial churches . . . with other public structures ", and on March 6, 1669, he was formally appointed sole deputy to Denham as Surveyor-General of the Royal Works. On Denham's death in the following November, Wren was appointed to succeed him; in 1673 he was knighted, and in 1684 he was appointed Comptroller of the Works in Windsor Castle, an office of much work and small remuneration. Meanwhile, besides his architectural activities Wren found time for politics. He became Member of Parliament for Plympton in April, 1685, and for Windsor in the Convention Parliament on January 11, 1689. He was again elected for Windsor in the first parliament of William and Mary's reign in the following year, but the return was declared void, and the next occasion on which Wren took his seat was in 1701 for Weymouth. Besides working on St. Paul's, Wren was appointed Surveyor to Westminster Abbey in 1698 and carried out important repairs to that fabric. He retained the office of Surveyor-General although on the accession of George I in 1714 his enemies subjected him to petty annoyances; these he endured until he had completed the fabric of St. Paul's in 1718, when he was superseded by William Benson. Wren then retired from practical business, retaining only the supervision of Westminster Abbey, a trust he kept until his death. For the last five years of his life Wren occupied houses at Hampton Court and in St. James's Street, Piccadilly, and it was on a journey to the London house that he took a chill and died in his ninety-first year on February 25, 1723. On March 5 following he was buried near the East end of the crypt under the South aisle of the Choir of St. Paul's. The inscription above his tomb ends " Lector, si monumentum requiris, circumspice ". Much of Wren's work at Oxford, Greenwich, London and other places still remains. A number of the parish churches in London have made way for business houses, and several others have been seriously damaged by enemy action during the last war (1939-45). Wren married Faith, daughter of Sir John Coghill, in December, 1669, and there were two sons of this marriage, Gilbert (1672-74) and Christopher (1675-1747). Lady Wren died in September, 1675, and in the following year Wren married Jane, daughter of Lord Fitz William. A daughter, Jane (1677-1702), and a son, William (1679-1738), were born of this marriage and the second Lady Wren died in 1679. There are numerous portraits extant of Wren, the best known being at the Royal Society, the National Portrait Gallery (reproduced in *The Beaver*, June, 1945, p. 12) and at the Deanery, St. Paul's. Wren first became associated with the Hudson's Bay Company on June 5, 1679, when he acquired £200 stock from Marmaduke Williams. A further amount of £700 was bought from William Yonge on October 2, 1682, and two more sums, £100 from Sir James Hayes and £200 from John Humfrey, were acquired on July 2, 1683. This total holding of £1,200 was kept intact until October 17, 1683, when £700 was sold to William Yonge, and on December 4 and 12 following £300 and £100 respectively were sold to John Hayes. Wren's remaining £100 stock was sold to Sir John Mallet on March 17, 1684. A reproduction of Wren's account in the first Stock Ledger (A.40/1, fos. 17d.-18) will be found in *The Beaver*, June, 1945, p. 9. Wren was elected a Committee Member in November of 1679, 1680, 1681 and 1682, and on numerous occasions he took the chair in the absence of Sir James Hayes, the Deputy Governor. In contrast to his distinguished contemporary and close associate, the Hon. Robert Boyle (q.v.), Wren's connection with the Hudson's Bay Company was of short duration, but again unlike Boyle, his interest embraced not only the new wonders of Hudson Bay but the actual running of the Company's affairs and included such ordinary matters as the bolts and bars on the London warehouse doors. See *D.N.B.*

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